

**There Was No King in Israel
Pt 1 – The Deadly Descent
Judges 1:1-2:5**

Emerging Themes in Judges

- Whatever god wins the battle for your _____ wins control over you and ultimately determines your _____.
- God's promise and plan are _____ even when we are unfaithful.
- Failure of obedience to God keeps us from God's _____.
- Compromising with culture leads to a downward spiral of _____ and _____ decay.

A New _____ V.1

The Fall of a Nation v.2-36

- A Good _____ v.1-18
- The first signs of _____ v.19-21
- The _____ v. 21-30
- The Change in _____ v.31-33
- Consequences v.34-36

The _____ of God 2:1-5

My Response:

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Discussion Questions**

We often see ourselves as “New Testament” Christians and fail to study or even understand the relevance of the Old Testament to our daily lives. When you think about Paul’s statement to Timothy about “the sacred writings which are able to give you wisdom leading to salvation”, what does this imply about our knowledge of the OT?

Think about the statement “Whatever god wins the battle for your heart wins control over you and ultimately determines your destiny”. How true is this in your own life and experience?

Is it surprising that a nation can go from being a Theocracy with God as king to a state of anarchy where “every man does what is right in his own eyes” in the space of grandparents to grandchildren?

How have you seen the spiral of compromise play out in your own life?

Discuss the statement made by Dale Davis “What began as toleration became apostasy. What seemed so reasonable proved lethal. Living with Canaanites led to worshipping with Canaanites. Tolerate Baal’s people and sooner or later you bow at Baal’s altar. But it seemed like a rather small matter at the time.”