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Ugandan Prisoner - Hammer  
God Can Never Forgive  
MORAL QUANDRY  
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1. The Setting

EXODUS - God's Mighty Deliverance of Israel from Egypt

HIGH POINT OF THE HISTORY OF ISRAEL

RED SEA - GIVING OF THE LAW ON MT. SINAI - TABERNACLE

a. Promise Deuteronomy 26.15

PROMISE "Bless your people Israel and the land you have given us as you promised on oath to our forefathers, a land flowing with milk and honey."  
Deut 26.15

b. Condition Deuteronomy 28.15,21,25 Joshua 1.2-4

CONDITION "If you do not obey the Lord your God and do not carefully follow all his commands and decrees I am giving you today...the Lord will plague you with diseases until he has destroyed you from the land you are entering to possess...the Lord will cause you to be defeated before your enemies. You will come at them from one direction but flee from them in seven, and you will become a thing of horror to all the kingdoms on earth"  
Deut 28.15,21,25

MOSES SUCCEEDED BY JOSHUA - LED CONQUEST OF PROMISED LAND

COMMAND - REMOVE ALL THE GENTILE TRIBES FROM CANAAN

GOD TO JOSHUA "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them - the Israelites. I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. Your territory will extend from the desert and from Lebanon to the great river, the Euphrates - all the Hittite county - and to the Great Sea on the west."  
Joshua 1.2-4

NOT UNTIL KINGSHIP OF DAVID & SOLOMON DID HAPPEN- 500 YEARS LATER

c. Forfeit Josh 23.7,12,13 Judges 2.3, 6.13

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PEOPLE OF ISRAEL LOST FAITH - FEARED THEIR ENEMIES - LOST LAND  
ALLOWED SOME OF THEM TO REMAIN - DID NOT COMPLETELY REMOVE

"Do not associate with these nations that remain among you; do not invoke the names of their gods or swear by them. You must not serve or bow down to them...if you turn away and ally yourselves with the survivors of these nations that remain among you and if you intermarry with them and associate with them, then you may be sure that the Lord will no longer drive out these nations before you. Instead, they will become snares and traps for you, whips on your backs and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from this good land, which the Lord your God has given you" Josh 23.7,12,13

DEATH OF JOSHUA - ISRAEL LEFT W/OUT DIRECT VOICE OF GOD

READ - JUDGES 2.1-3

GIDEON'S LAMENT "If the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all the wonders our fathers told us about when they said, 'Did not the Lord bring us up out of Egypt?' But now the Lord has abandoned us and put us into the hand of Midian."  
Judges 6.13

## 2. The Cycle Judges 2.6-19

a. Rebellion vs. 10-12 AGAINST GOD'S LAW AND LORDSHIP

b. Retribution vs. 13-15 SIN DOES NOT GO UNPUNISHED

c. Rescue vs. 16-18 IN THE PERSON OF A JUDGE

"Judge" - Leader or Deliverer

JUDGES - TRIBAL, TERRITORIAL LEADERS, NO SUCCESSORS

MAJOR - Othniel, Ehud, Deborah, Gideon, Jephthah, Abdon, Samson

MINOR - Shamgar, Tola, Jair, Ibzan, Elon

d. Relapse v. 19 *Each time build foundation is weaker - Nigeria 25 cups*

"It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it and to turn their backs on the sacred commandment that was passed on to them. Of them the proverbs are true: "A dog returns to its vomit" and "A sow that is washed goes back to her wallowing in the mud."



ILLUS - Uganda - Baptized pig, Confirmed, House - RAIN - MUDDY  
IT WAS STILL A PIG - NO CHANGE

SAME CYCLE - "A Story With Little Movement"

- 3.7 "the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord"
- 3.8 "the anger of the Lord burned against Israel"
- 3.9 "they cried out to the Lord"
- 3.10 "the Spirit of the Lord came upon Othniel"
- 3.11 "so the land had peace for forty years"
- 3.12 "once again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord"

// WANDERING OF ISRAEL IN WILDERNESS - 40 YEARS

RECENT HISTORY OF HAILI CHURCH

3. The Collapse

*Disproportionate  
Poverty for  
Female-Headed  
Households*

a. Family 17.1,2 *Collapse of Home - Root of most social problems*

SON THIEF - MOTHER GREEDY, FROM CURSING TO PRAISE

*70% of those serving long-term Prison Sentences - from SINGLE PARENT Homes*

b. Worship 17.5, 7-13

TRY TO HONOR GOD WITH THINGS GOD HATES *Playing Church*

SINCERE - COMMENDABLE DEVOTION - SINCERELY WRONG

c. Nation 17.6, 18.1, 14-26, 21.25 *Gore - 24 waiting period? Compassion - 5 hr. clinic  
Inaug - Freedom of Choice Act - Carol Womack  
Only Handreaser Knaws for five*

LOOSELY CONNECTED TRIBES - CHANGING BORDERS - ALLIANCES

CONCUBINE OF LEVITE SO RAPED AND ABUSED BY BENJAMINITE MEN DIES

HUSBAND CUTS BODY INTO 12 PIECES - SENDS ONE TO EACH TRIBE

OTHER TRIBES ORGANIZE - 25,000 Benjamins killed

NEED FOR KING - UNIFY TRIBES, MAINTAIN ORDER, JUSTICE

ILLUS - NATHAN'S DIVIDED SOCCER TEAM - TEARS - HAILI CHURCH??

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END OF JUDGES - NOT END OF BIBLE - GOD'S DEALING W/ HIS PEOPLE

NEED FOR KING - UNIFY TRIBES, MAINTAIN ORDER, JUSTICE

DAVID/SOLOMON - HIGH POINT OF ISRAEL'S KINGSHIP

NO HUMAN KING WILL DO - KING REIGN ON DAVID'S THRONE SON/LORD

WE NEED A KING -

- BORN TO SUBMIT AND FOLLOW

- RESIST OUR REBELLION AND EVIL

- MEMBERS OF ONE ANOTHER - KINGDOM

CHRIST DOES NOT CALL US INTO DEMOCRACY - KINGDOM - HE IS KING

JOY NOT DOING - RIGHT IN OUR OWN EYES // REVEALED IN HIS WORD

KING - FULL OF GRACE - DOES NOT ABANDON HIS PEOPLE