

## CHAPTER 7

### ISRAEL EXPERIENCED CYCLES

#### HISTORY

Israel had no strong central government after the death of Joshua. The older generation who had experienced God's miraculous working in the conquest of Canaan failed to teach their children about God. Consequently, the new generation began to worship the idols of the surrounding nations. Over a period of about 300 years, the book of Judges records 12 cycles of Apostasy, 12 Oppressions, 12 Repentances, 12 Judges, and 12 Deliverers.

Why didn't Israel obey God after Joshua died? Judges 2:10

What did the new generation do since they did not know about God?

Judges 2:11 \_\_\_\_\_

Judges 2:12 \_\_\_\_\_

Judges 2:13 \_\_\_\_\_

How did God feel? Judges 2:14

How did God punish Israel? Judges 3:8

How many years were the Israelites in bondage to Mesopotamia? Judges 3:8

These deliverers were called \_\_\_\_\_. Judges 2:18

Who was the first judge of Israel? Judges 3:9

How did God empower Othniel? Judges 3:10

After Othniel led Israel to victory, how long did Israel experience rest? Judges 3:11

The other judges were Ehud, Shamgar, Deborah and Barak, Gideon, Tola, Jair, Jephthah, Elon, Abdon, and Samson.

How long did the judges serve as leaders of Israel? Acts 13:20

At the end of the book of Judges, what was Israel's condition? Judges 21:25

#### LIFE APPLICATION

What lesson can be learned from Israel's failure to teach their children about God and all He had done for them?

How can not knowing God's Word affect your life?