

## ISRAEL IN THE BOOK OF JUDGES

Now that Israel have been rigorously instructed in the reality of the LORD God of Creation, and shown His Commandments for pleasing Him, they are set up in their own “Land of Promise” without daily supervision from the LORD; but surrounded by evil doers that they may be evaluated whether they shall obey the LORD God, or not! Do we not see this pattern being repeated in other Judeo – Christian Scriptures? And, are not dedicated followers of Christ Jesus shown this from the very beginning of their conversion?

***Those following the Gospel and Jesus sacrificed on the cross look to Him; for He has promised to give eternal life to them that believe on Him?***

**Mat 3:13** Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

**Mat 3:14** But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

**Mat 3:15** And Jesus answering said unto him, **Suffer (or permit) it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness (or all plans of the Father).** Then he (*John*) suffered (*or permitted*) him (*Jesus to be baptized by him*).

**Mat 3:16** And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him (*Jesus*) (; **this was what John witnessed**):

**Mat 3:17** And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

**Mat 4:1** Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

**Mat 4:2** And when he had fasted forty (**40**) days and forty (**40**) nights, he (*Jesus*) was afterward an hungred.

**Mat 4:3** And when the tempter (*the devil, or the evildoer*) came to him (*Jesus*), he (*the devil*) said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

**Mat 4:4** But he (*Jesus*) answered and said, **It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.**

**Mat 4:5** Then the devil taketh him (*Jesus*) up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,

**Mat 4:6** And saith unto him (*Jesus*), If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He (**God the Father**) shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in *their* hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

**Mat 4:7** Jesus said unto him (*the devil*), **It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.**

**Mat 4:8** Again, the devil taketh him (*Jesus*) up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

**Mat 4:9** And saith unto him (*Jesus*), All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me (*Satan, the devil*).

**Mat 4:10** Then saith Jesus unto him (*Satan*), **Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.**

**Mat 4:11** Then the devil leaveth him (*Jesus*), and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him (*Jesus*).

*And so, the action(s) of the children of Israel in the Book of Judges parallels that of our world today! The LORD God has given repeated instruction of what pleases Him, and allows every individual to make his, or her own decision about whether to “believe and obey” Him or not! The New Testament Scripture of John 3:16 probably conveys the message more simply than any other single scripture; and John 14:6 may very well be the close second, or the tie for first place?*

Rom 4:3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed (*had faith in what*) God (*said, or promised*), and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

Gal 3:6 Even as Abraham believed (*had faith in what*) God (*said, or promised*), and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

Jas 2:23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed (*had faith in what*) God (*said, or promised*), and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

*And so, is this not the same for us today:*

*We believe (have Faith in; are committed to) God and His word that says:*

Eph 2:8 For by grace (*which is the Lord Jesus Christ*) are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it (faith and grace) is* the gift of God:

Eph 5:2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

Heb 10:12 But this man (*Jesus*), after he had offered one sacrifice (*Himself*) for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

*The righteousness of Jesus is imputed unto everyone that has faith in (or believed God according to the Gospel). This is the only way of pleasing God unto eternal life: Not many ways, and varied as some think.*

*Those that believed and participated in the Law of Moses commanded of the LORD God, for that time/ dispensation, were imputed righteousness/ salvation; just as we are in this time of grace! So, how is the law promised to the old, better now (and not disobedience!) for us attempting to keep today (in this time/ dispensation, which is the time of grace through Jesus Christ promised of the old; the promised deliver God has given us forever)?*

### **Present Day Challenge**

Almighty God of Creation has set before whosoever will come, according to pleasing Him: “Promised Eternity”!

And evaluation (*proving*) is ongoing, whether whosoever shall “believe and obey” Him or not, according to His grace that is given; which is the Lord Jesus Christ Crucified!

*Notice, it does not say whosoever is imperfect, or perfect; even “in or not in” religion xyz| XYZ| abc| ABC ...!*

Rev 18:4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.