

A Synopsis of Core Biblical Theology: Judges - Ruth

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The Book of Judges is also set against the context of the covenant expectations of Deuteronomy as it narrates the repeated cycle of sin > suffering > sorrow > salvation.

Deuteronomy	Judges
<p>When you father children and children's children, and have grown old in the land, if you act corruptly by making a carved image in the form of anything, and by doing what is evil in the sight of the LORD your God, so as to provoke him to anger. (4:25)</p> <p>Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey. (6:3)</p>	<p>And the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and served the Baals. (2:11)</p>
<p>When you father children and children's children, and have grown old in the land, if you act corruptly by making a carved image in the form of anything, and by doing what is evil in the sight of the LORD your God, so as to provoke him to anger. (4:25)</p> <p>You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are around you— (6:14)</p>	<p>And they abandoned the LORD, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt. They went after other gods, from among the gods of the peoples who were around them, and bowed down to them. And they provoked the LORD to anger. (2:12)</p>
<p>for the LORD your God in your midst is a jealous God—lest the anger of the LORD your God be kindled against you, and he destroy you from off the face of the earth. (6:15)</p>	<p>So the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he gave them over to plunderers, who plundered them. And he sold them into the hand of their surrounding enemies, so that they could no longer withstand their enemies. (2:14)</p>

Promise

Inheritance - 2:1,6

Repentance - “cried out to YHWH” 3:9, 15; 4:3; 6:6, 7; 10:10

Rest - 3:11

Ruth narrates the story of a Gentile woman coming to experience YHWH's covenant loyalty / steadfast love (חֶסֶד- *hesed*) in the context of a promised king (Gen 17:6; Ex 15:18; Dt 17:14-15) by means of a “kinsman redeemer” (גוֹאֵל – *go'el*)