

THE STORY OF  
**SAMSON**

*Judges 13 - 16*



**HOW THE STRONG ARE MADE WEAK**

# TRIBES OF ISRAEL

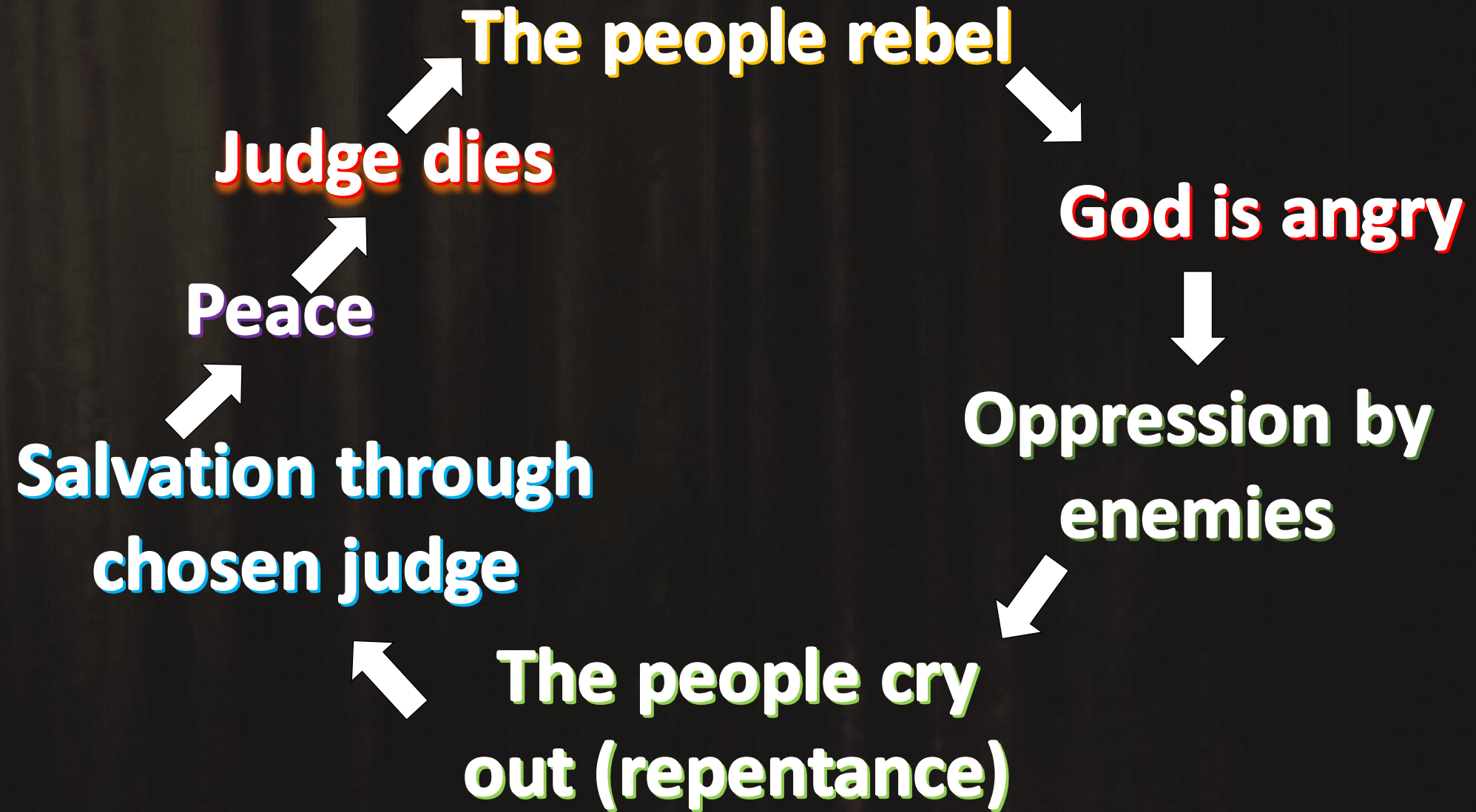
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# Cycle of the Judges



# Nazarite Requirements

- No wine or strong drink
- No haircut
- No touching a dead body
- No unclean food





# Samson's 2 Fatal Flaws

1. He was governed by sight, not by faith or obedience (*Judges 14:1*).
  - He had a “eye” problem and an “I” problem.
2. He disregarded the God-given authority that could have protected him (*Judges 14:2-3*).

**If we do not discipline  
our flesh, it will render  
us powerless!**

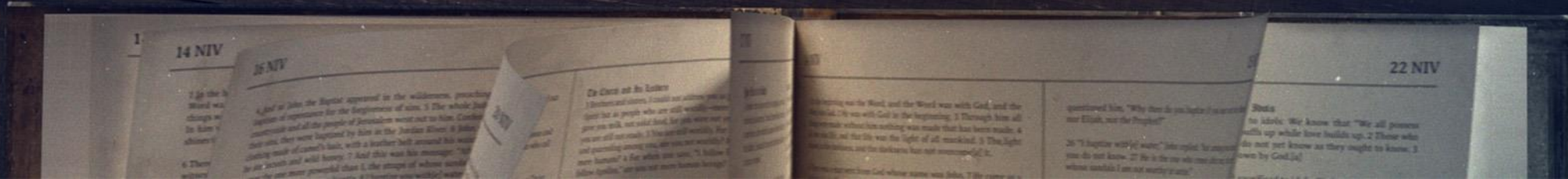
**ISOLATION: *without a relation  
with people***

**ASSIMILATION: *the process of  
becoming similar to something***



**“I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.”**

*John 17:15-17*





# The Consequences of Sin

1. The Downward Journey (*Judges 14:7, 10*)
2. Toying with Temptation (*Judges 16:1*)
  - Moral compromise always makes us vulnerable to temptation.
  - Temptation comes in attractive packages.
  - Temptation comes when we choose the wrong company.



**Don't toy with  
temptation ...  
resist it!**