

# **The Story**

## **“Here We Go Again”**

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(Judges)

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- **The Pattern (Judges 2:7-21)**

Then the LORD raised up judges to rescue the Israelites from their attackers.  
(Judges 2:16)

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Disobedience (distraction by gods of Canaan)  
Consequences (oppression by raiders)  
Repentance (cries of distress)  
Rescue (deliverance by God)

- **The Lesson of Consequences**

- What you sow, you will reap (usually).  
Evil people sometimes tempt fate ... for awhile.

Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant. (Galatians 6:7)

- What you reap ... may not be what you sowed (sometimes).  
All people suffer from causes other than their own sin.

“Rabbi, ... why was this man born blind? Was it because of his own sins or his parents' sins?” “[Neither.] This happened so the power of God could be seen in him.” (John 9:2-3)

- What you sow, your grandchildren will reap (occasionally).  
Righteous people can break the cycle ... but it's not easy.

I lay the sins of the parents upon their children; the entire family is affected—even children in the third and fourth generations of those who reject me. (Exodus 20:5b)

- **The Climax**

In those days Israel had no king; all the people did whatever was right in their own eyes. (Judges 21:25)