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GOD RESCUES HIS PEOPLE FROM
THE DOWNWARD SPIRAL OF DISOBEDIENCE
BY RAISING UP TEMPORARY JUDGES

THE PEOPLE FORGET AND FAIL TO OBEY		THE SPIRAL STAIRCASE THE JUDGES		THE DARK ENDING	
CHAPTERS 1:1-3:6		CHAPTERS 3:7-16:31		CHAPTERS 17:1-21:25	
1:1-2:5	INCOMPLETE CONQUEST OF CANAANITES	3:7-11	OTHNIEL	17:1-18:31	RELIGIOUS CHAOS
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		4:1-5:31	DEBORAH*		
		6:1-8:35	GIDEON*		
		9:1-57	ABIMELECH- "KING?"		
		10:1-5	TOLA/JAIR		
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		13:1-16:31	SAMSON*		

The Book of Judges builds in tension as it portrays a people in a downward cycle and ever increasing need of rescue. God will be the one who rescues!

Let's take a look at their rescue and ours by jumping to three touchstones of a deliverance cycle.

- God's people FORGET Him and His BLESSINGS and WARNINGS.
 We too FORGET & WANDER . (Jud.17 - 22)
 We too need to REMEMBER . (Judg. 2:10; Jn. 15:1-4)
- God's merciful purpose through TRIALS is for His people to REPENT.
 Their SUFFERING and OURS. (Heb. 12:3-11)
 Their REPENTANCE and OURS. (2 Cor. 7:9- 11)
- God's TEMPORARY rescue through JUDGES points to our ETERNAL rescue through JESUS.
 The dark ENDING. (Judg. 12-21)
 The new DAWN. (1 Cor. 15:56-57)