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Text: Judges 2:1-10

UNDERSTANDING "SEQUENCE"

1. Technically

Judges 2:1-10 should be placed before Judges 1:1

2. An alternative structure (Disjunctive)

Judges 2:1-10 was placed in this sequence for a number of reasons:-

- a) To highlight the drastic turn of events after the death of Joshua
- b) To hark back to the time when Joshua was still alive
- c) To highlight the need to remember and to return to historical roots

IMPORTANT HISTORICAL ROOTS

1. Recorded appearances of the Angel of the Lord

- a) Appearance to Hagar **Genesis 16:7-13**
- b) Speaking to Abraham **Genesis 22:11**
- c) Commander of the Lord's Army **Joshua 5:13-15**

2. Evaluation

- a) Rare appearance
- b) Very significant
 - i) God's Presence
 - ii) God's special message
 - iii) God's Involvement

3. Remembering the short history of Israel

- a) Remembering God's deliverance of Israel from Egypt **Judges 2:1b**
- b) God's Covenant with Israel **Judges 2:1c-2**

4. Remonstrating with Israel

- a) God's word was not obeyed
- b) Why have you done this? **Judges 2:2**

5. Rebuke of erring Israel

- a) God will no longer drive out the inhabitants **Judges 2:3a**
- b) The inhabitants will be a thorn in the side of Israel **Judges 2:3b**
- c) The local deities will be a snare to the nation **Judges 2:3c**

GILGAL TO BOCHIM

Judges 2:1-10

1. Gilgal

- a) The place where 12 Memorial stones were set up **Joshua 4:20**
- b) Where the second generation was circumcised **Joshua 5:8**
- c) Where the Passover was celebrated in the Promised Land **Joshua 5:10**
- d) Where they first ate of the produce of the land **Joshua 5:11**
- e) Where the supply of manna ceased **Joshua 5:12**

2. Bochim

- a) The people wept as they heard the words of the Angel of the Lord **Judges 2:4**
- b) This took place towards the end of Joshua's life **Joshua 5:6, 8-9**

A GENERATION THAT DID NOT KNOW THE LORD

*When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the LORD nor the work which He had done for Israel. **Judges 2:10***

- 1. Neglect of Israel's history with God
- 2. Deliberate rejection of God and His covenant with Israel