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Text: Judges 2:11-23

A SAD HISTORICAL PATTERN OBSERVED

1. The children of Israel

- a) They did evil **Judges 2:11a**
- b) They served Baals and Ashtoreths **Judges 2:11b, 13**
- c) They forsook the LORD **Judges 2:12a, 13**
- d) They followed other gods **Judges 2:12b**
- e) They bowed to them in worship **Judges 2:12c**
- f) They provoked the LORD to anger **Judges 2:12d**

2. The Reaction of the Lord

- a) Hot anger against Israel **Judges 2:14a**
- b) Delivered Israel into the hands of the plunderers **Judges 2:14b**
- c) Israel could no longer stand against their enemies **Judges 2:14c**
- d) God's hand was turned against Israel for calamity **Judges 2:15a**
- e) God's word of warning was being fulfilled **Judges 2:15b**

Deuteronomy 28:15-68

3. The Raising up of Judges

- a) Special leaders called "judges" were raised up **Judges 2:16a**
- b) They were the physical (military) deliverers of the nation **Judges 2:16b**
- c) God was with these judges in their work of deliverance **Judges 2:18a**
- d) Reason: God was moved with pity for the children of Israel **Judges 2:18**

4. At the death of the Judge

- a) Israel would revert to their sinful ways **Judges 2:19a**
- b) Greater corruption would take place **Judges 2:19b**
- c) They chose to remain stubborn **Judges 2:19c**

5. Another reaction from the Lord

a) Hot anger **Judges 2:20a**

b) Because **Judges 2:20b**

i) Transgression

ii) Not heeded God's voice

c) Inhabitants would no longer be driven out **Judges 2:21**

Israel will be tested with reference to obeying God **Judges 2:22**