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**Text: Judges 6:1-10**

### **A DEADLY PATTERN OF DOING EVIL**

1. Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD **Judges 2:11**
2. So the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD **Judges 3:7**
3. And the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD **Judges 3:12**
4. The children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD **Judges 4:1**
5. Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD **Judges 6:1**

### **SINS OF ISRAEL**

1. Disobedience **Judges 2:2, 17**
2. Serving Baals **Judges 2:11**
3. Forsaking God **Judges 2:12**
4. Corruption **Judges 2:19**
5. Stubbornness **Judges 2:19**

### **INNUMERABLE ENEMIES OF ANCIENT ISRAEL**

1. Mesopotamians **Judges 3:7-11**
2. Moabites **Judges 3:12-30**
3. Philistines **Judges 3:31**
4. Canaanites **Judges 4-5**
5. Midianites **Judges 6-8**

### **THE MERCY OF THE LORD**

1. He would hear the cries of oppressed Israel
2. He would respond to their cries and send a deliverer, a judge
3. Series of Judges
  - a) Othniel: Mesopotamian enemy
  - b) Ehud: Moabites

- c) Shagar: Philistines
- d) Deborah: Canaanites
- e) Gideon: Midianites

## **OPPRESSION IN THE DAYS OF GIDEON**

### **1. Three sets of enemies mentioned**

- a) The Midianites (most prominent) **Judges 6:1**
- b) The Amalakites **Judges 6:3**
- c) People of the East **Judges 6:3**

### **2. Plight of Israel**

- a) Lived in dens and caves **Judges 6:2**
- b) Lived in the mountains **Judges 6:2**
- c) Destruction of the land **Judges 6:4-5**
- d) Israel greatly impoverished **Judges 6:6**

## **SENDING OF A PROPHET**

### **1. Unnamed prophet **Judges 6:8****

### **2. He works separately from the Judges God raised up**

### **3. His task is to bring a special message from God **Judges 6:8-10****

- a) To remind Israel of what God had said to them
- b) To urge Israel to repent from their sin of disobedience