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**Series:** Judges: Mankind Exposed  
**Title:** The Best of Times, The Worst of Times  
**Text:** Judges 2:1-3:6



## INTRODUCTION

### I. THE AWESOME PROCLAMATION (Judges 2:1-5)

1) This messenger and this movement demonstrates to Israel that there's a problem!

2) The Angel of the LORD communicates a message of self-inflicted pain and trouble.

(Jeremiah 2:12-13)

3) The people wept and even sacrificed, but there was no true change or repentance.

(Joel 2:12-13)

### II. THE APATHETIC GENERATION (Judges 2:6-10)

Note: It's not enough to be content and satisfied with our own spiritual growth and knowledge; we must ALWAYS be passionate to teach, to model, to encourage, to disciple those around us SO THAT they may know, love, and follow Jesus!

(1 Timothy 4:12; 1 Corinthians 11:1; 2 Timothy 2:2)

### III. THE ASTONISHING REVELATION (Judges 2:11-3:6)

**Judges 2:11-19 - A Cyclical Pattern:** Sin, Servitude, Supplication, Salvation, Silence.

SIN...

SERVITUDE...

SUPPLICATION...

SALVATION...

SILENCE...

**Judges 2:18 - A Comforting Passion:** The heart of God is such that He is moved to compassion even when His people are suffering because of their own sin and stupidity!

**Judges 2:20-3:6 - A Cleansing Purpose:** God is both testing and growing His people through the discipline that He brings.

#### Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. What is significant about the locations of Gilgal and Bochim? Why did the Angel of the Lord move?
2. In verses 4-5, the people wept and made sacrifices after hearing God's message; was this a good response, a bad response, an incomplete response?
3. What should verses 6-10 motivate us to do? In what ways can you model faith and disciple others?
4. What basic, cyclical pattern is described in verses 11-19? What truths do we learn from this pattern?
5. What are some of God's good purposes for the discipline that He brings? (see Hebrews 12:7-17)