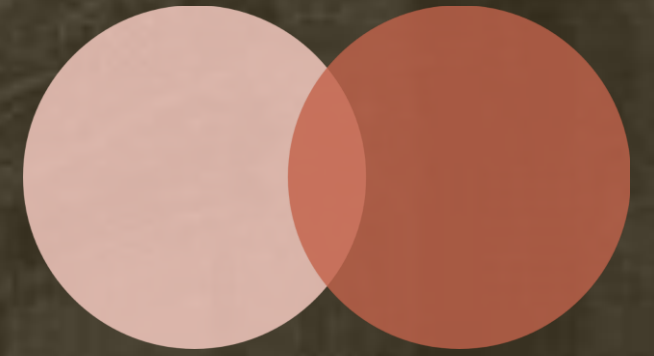


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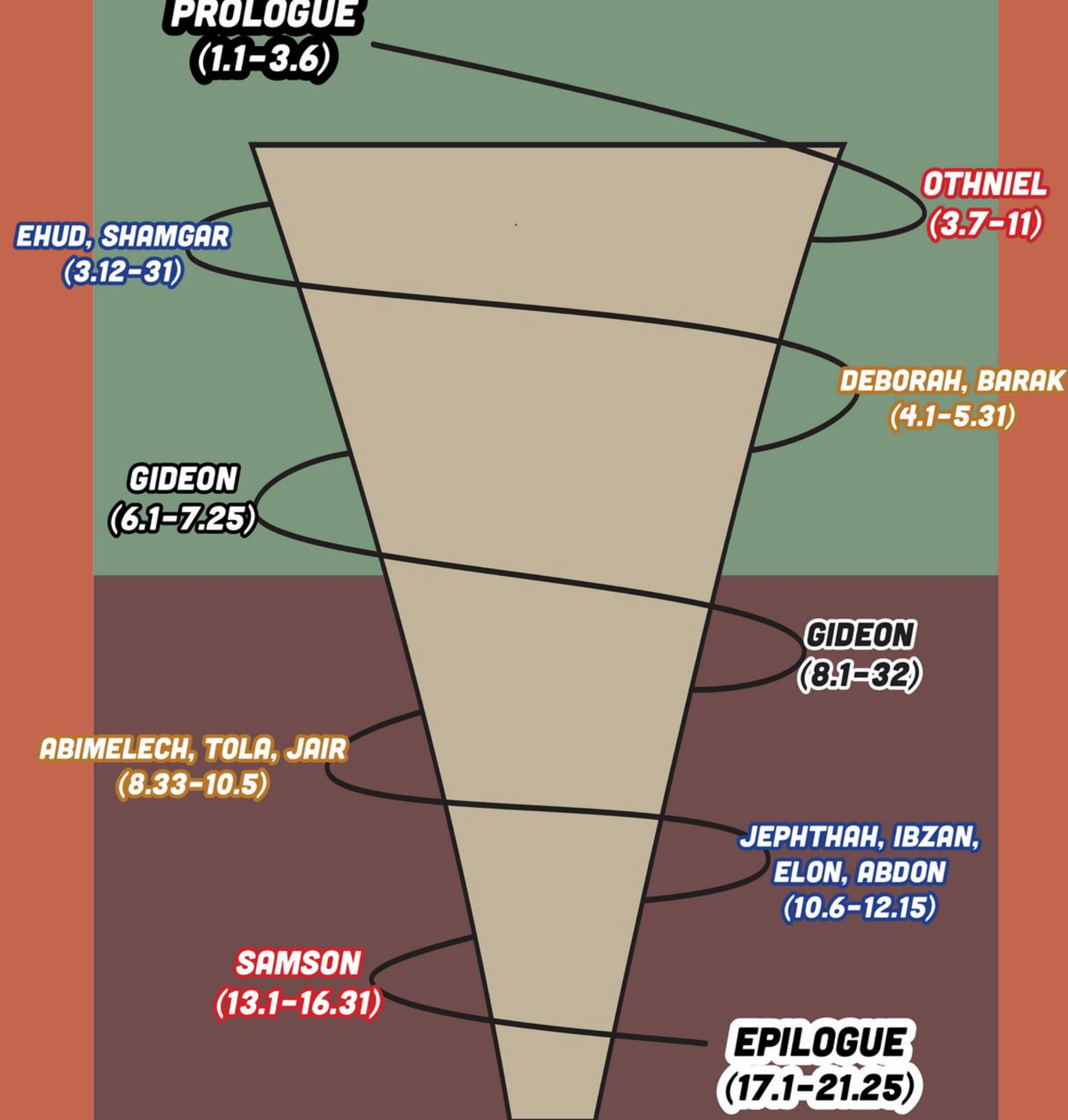


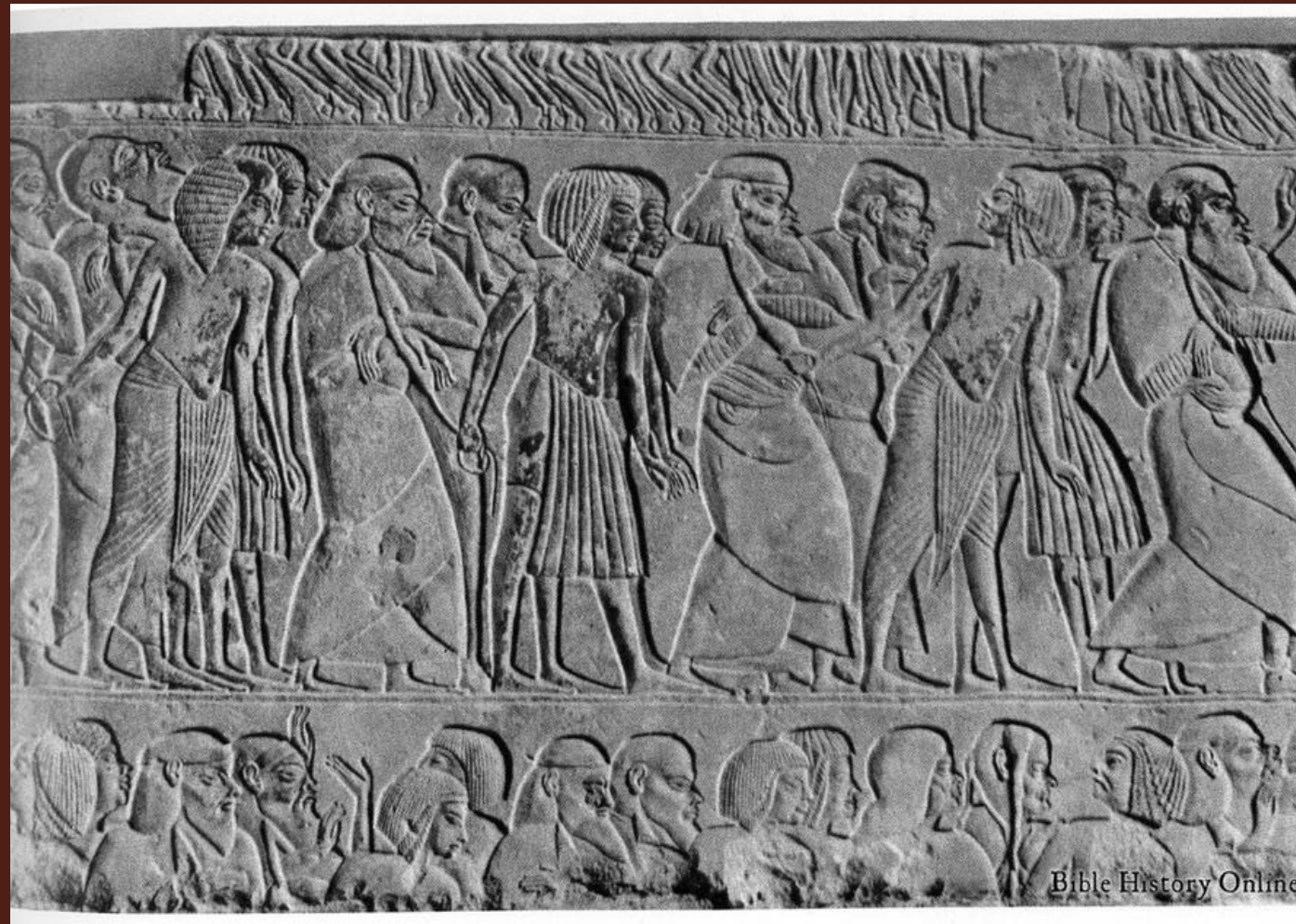
FAILED SAVIORS.

3. Failure to Keep the Land (Jgs 3.7-31)

OTHNIEL IN THE DOWNWARD SPIRAL

- Chronologically
 - Caleb's relative
 - Generation of Conquest
- Geographically
 - Judah (southernmost tribe)
 - Like the prologue and epilogues
- Narratively
 - Seven Major Judges
 - Lev 26.18, 21, 24, 28





OTHNIEL THE JUDGE (JGS 3.7–11)

CANAANIZATION (3.7)

“They did evil...”

GOD’S AGENT (3.8)

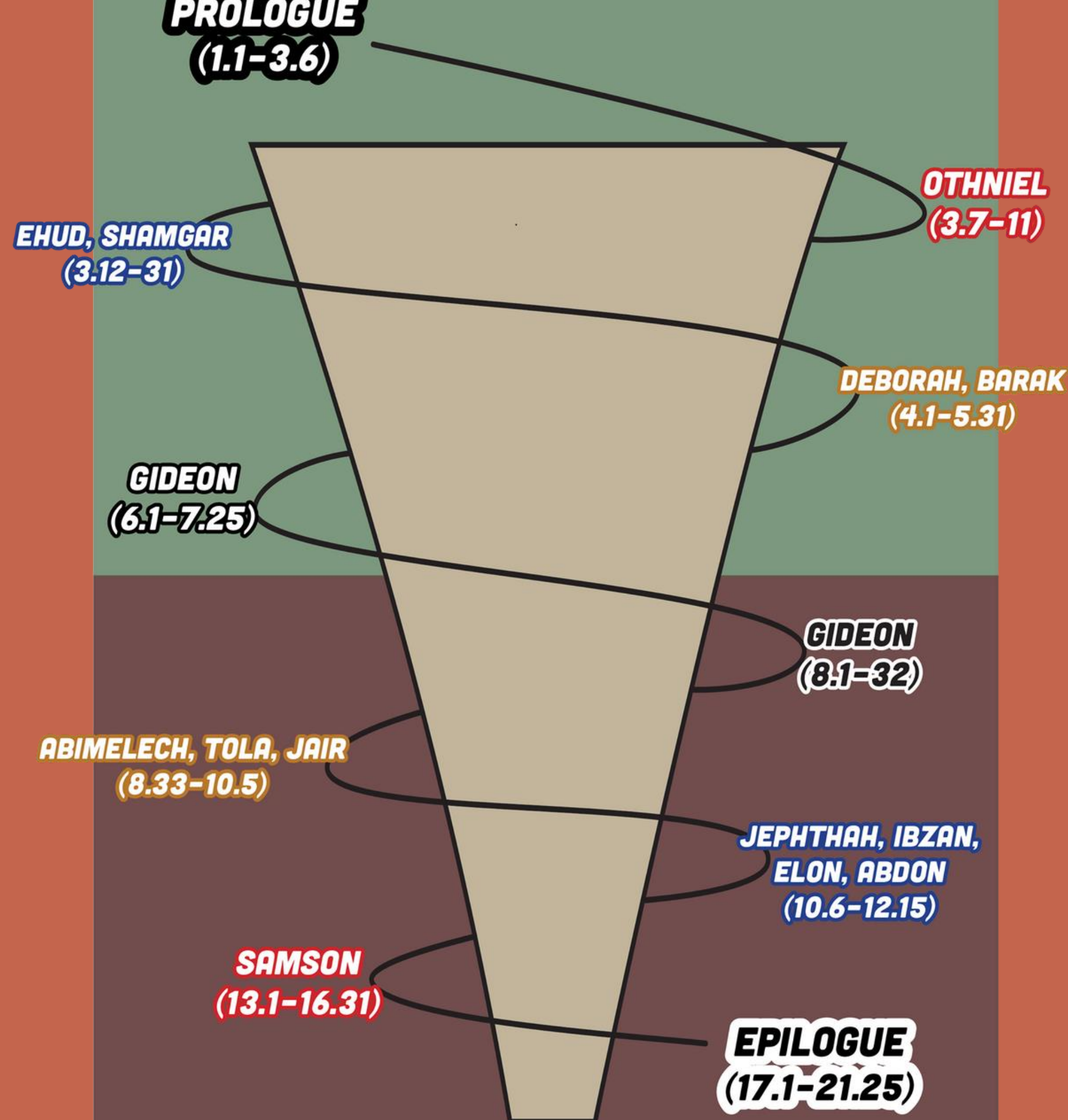
“Sold them into the hands of...”

OPPRESSION & DELIVERANCE (3.9–11)

“When they cried out to the LORD...”
(contra Dtr 28.29–31!)

EHUD'S PLACE IN THE DOWNWARD SPIRAL

- Ties back to the prologue (Jgs 2.1; 3.19)
- Ties to the epilogue (Benjamin)
- Shows God's Hand for and against Israel
- Will connect to Jephthah, too...



CANAANIZATION

JUDGES 3.12–14

AGAIN, THEY DID EVIL

● The same as we saw with Othniel (and Barak, Gideon, Jephthah, and Samson...)

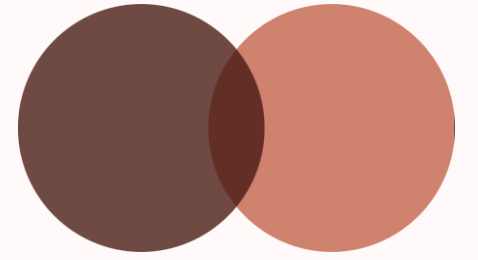
EGLON OF THE MOABITES

● *egeḷ* = “calf”
Amalekites (cf. Jgs 3.13; Dtr 25.17–19; Num 24.20)

THE CITY OF PALMS

● Jericho (cf. Dtr 34.3; 2 Chr 28.18);
contra Jos 5; 6.26; 18.21...

Israel's and God's Response (3.15)



- **“CRIED OUT”**

What *isn't* specifically mentioned? (cf. Jgs 3.26)

- **“RAISED A SAVIOR”**

The opposite of what God had promised (cf. Dtr 28.29–31)

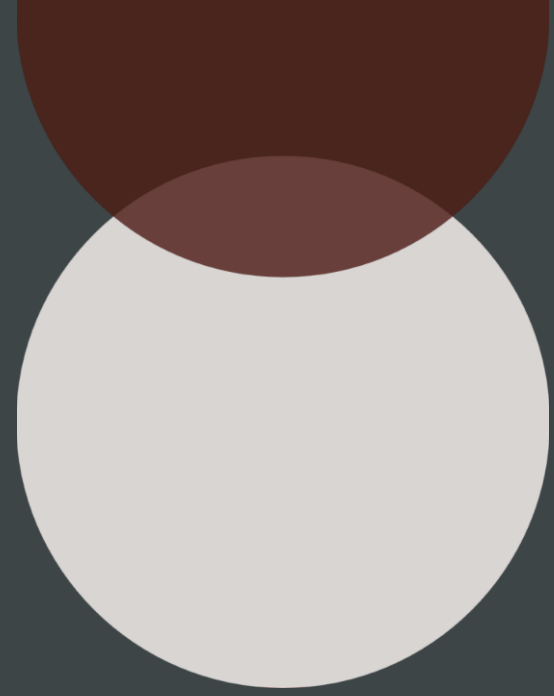
- **EHUD'S BOUND HAND**

cf. Jgs 20.16

- **SENT TRIBUTE**

What sort of offering?
What sort of master?

**GOD'S
DELIVERANCE
(3.16–29)**



SET-UP (3.16–18)

Eglon is a fattened calf.

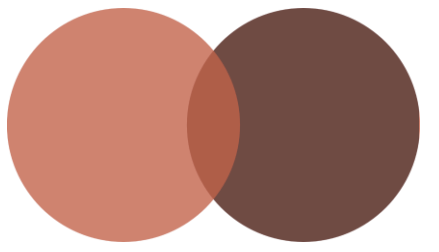
EVENT (3.19–21)

“Something Secret”

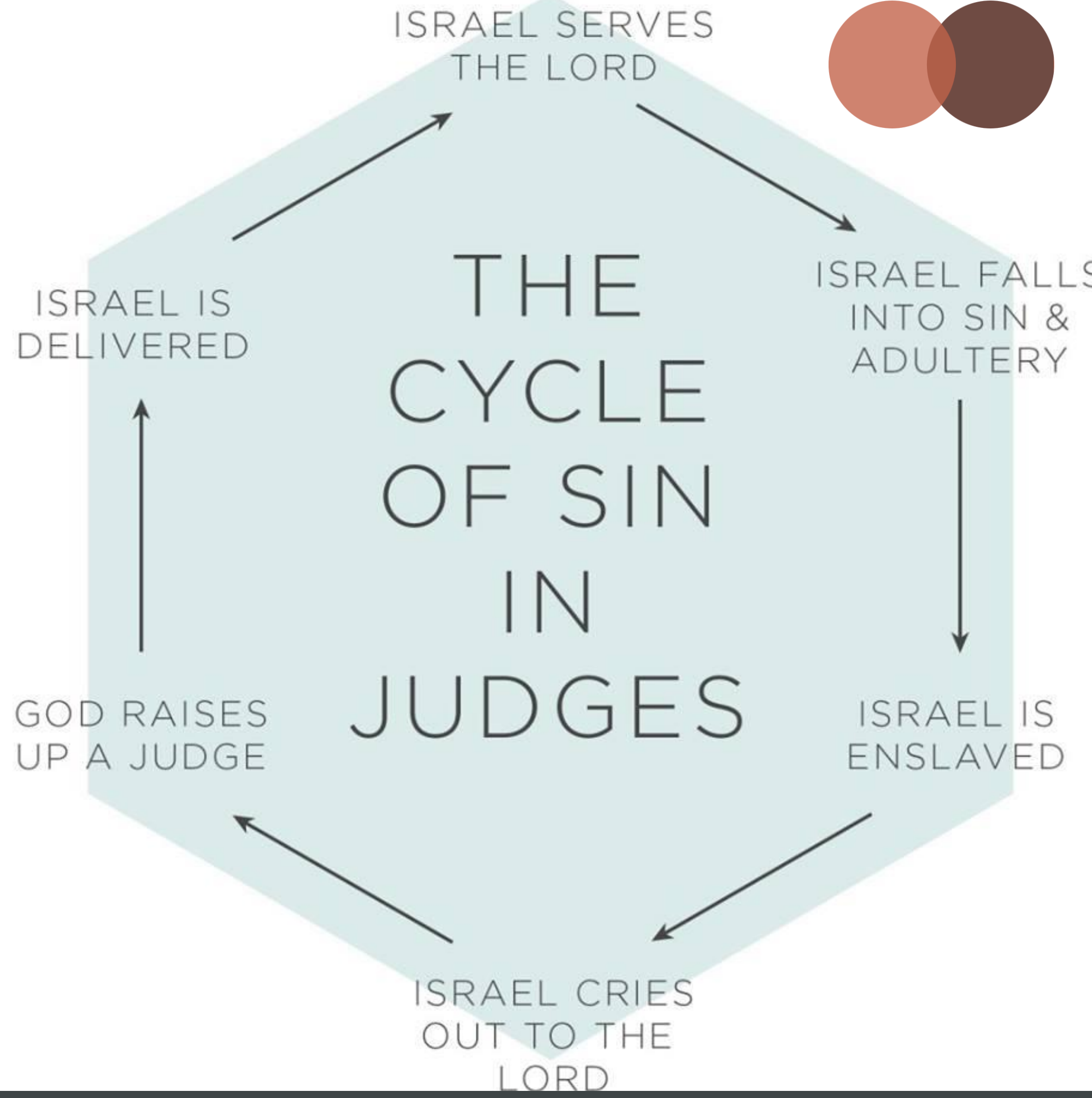
AFTERMATH (3.22–29)

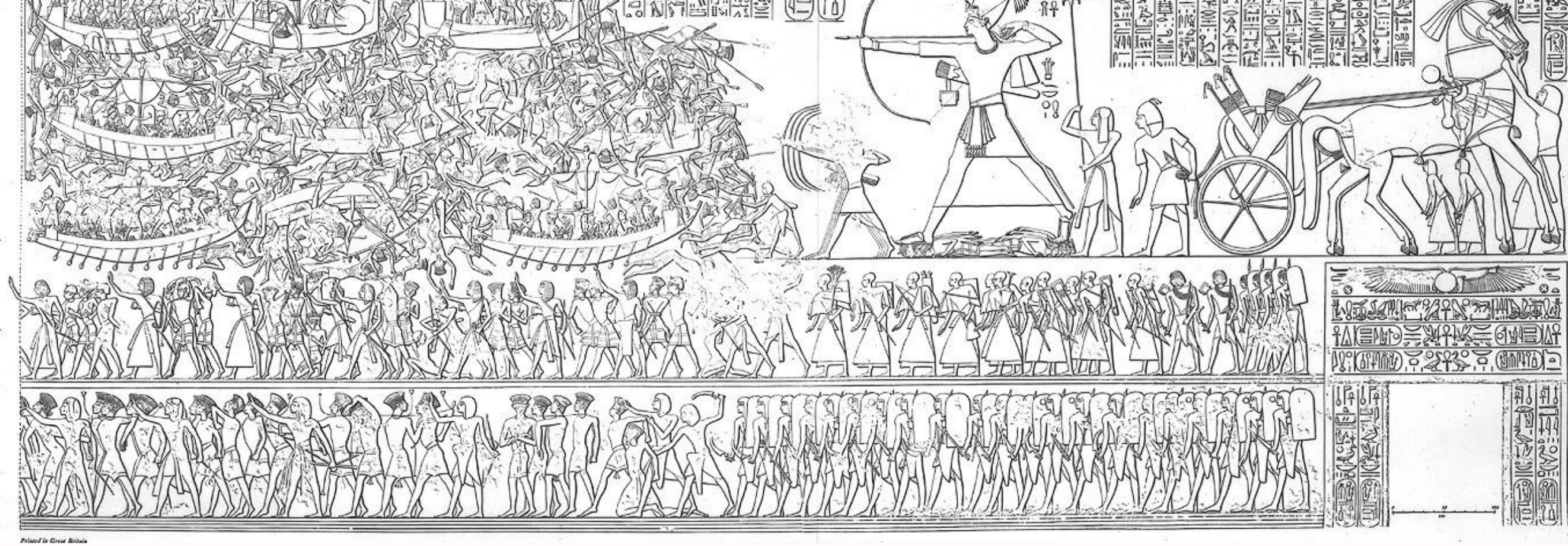
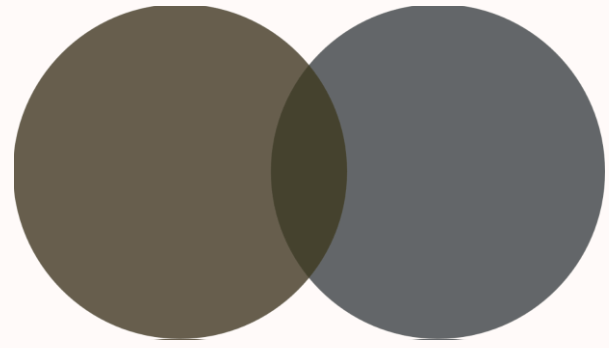
Ephramites at the Fords





**GOD GIVEN
SECURITY
(3.30)**





SHAMGAR (3.31)

THE FIRST OF FIVE MINOR JUDGES

“After Ehud, Shamgar son of Anath became judge. He also delivered Israel, striking down six hundred Philistines with a cattle prod...”

FAILED SAVIORS.



BY WHOSE HAND?

God hands whom over? Why?

NEXT CLASS:

4. FAILED OBEDIENCE (JGS 4–5)

THOUGHTS QUESTIONS:

1. How does the poetic and prose accounts of Deborah and Barak differ?
2. How does Judges 4–5 compare to Jos 11.1–15?
2. What do we think about Deborah and Barak as characters?
3. Who ends up gaining the greatest glory?

