## Judges 2

King James Version (KJV)

- **2** And an angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to <u>Bochim</u>, and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I sware unto your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you. (Bochim= the place of weeping <Septuagint>)
- <sup>2</sup>And ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall throw down their altars: but ye have not obeyed my voice: why have ye done this? (The Canaanite peoples had mated with the fallen angels. They were also heathen idol worshippers and sexual perverts. They even sacrificed their own children through fire. Sexual orgies in the groves, were a part of the Ishtar spring rites)
- <sup>3</sup> Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be as thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you. (Sure enough, they plagued Israel throughout their existence. Solomon even fell prey to their idols, after he married heathen women)

(Look at us today: Christians teach rapture, celebrate Easter, and many other traditions of men. Some churches even allow muslims to pray to Allah in Christian churches)

- <sup>4</sup>And it came to pass, when the angel of the LORD spake these words unto all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept. (Too little, too late)
- <sup>5</sup> And they called the name of that place <u>Bochim</u>: and they sacrificed there unto the LORD. (Bochim=weeping; Bikhian in the Aramaic text)
- <sup>6</sup> And when Joshua had let the people go, the children of Israel went every man unto his inheritance to possess the land. (This looks backwards in time to the time of Joshua, before this Book) see Joshua-22:6
- <sup>7</sup>And the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the LORD, that he did for Israel. 1Chorinthians-10:11
- \*And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, being an hundred and ten years old. (Not long after this, things quickly went

downhill for Israel after the people, who had witnessed the miracles that God did for them, all died out) (Approx.1431 BC)

- And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnathheres, in the mount of Ephraim, on the north side of the hill Gaash.
  (Timnathheres = portion of the son probably where Joshua had lived)
- <sup>10</sup> And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the LORD, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel. (It also didn't help matters that they had surrounded themselves with heathen peoples)
- <sup>11</sup> And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served Baalim: (They adopted the gods and traditions of the Canaanites and the other heathen tribes)
- <sup>12</sup> And they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the LORD to anger. (So much for staying faithful to God)
- <sup>13</sup> And they <u>forsook</u> the LORD, and served Baal and Ashtaroth. (Forsook= abandon, refuse, to fail, to relinquish) (Ashtaroth was worshipped with a male phallic symbol. They would cover it with a pillow case and take it into the Tabernacle of God, and later to the Temple of God that Solomon built. This was an abomination to God) (Even today, Christians follow the traditions of denominations, not the Word of God. They celebrate Easter <Ishtar worship> and teach rapture both are false teachings)
- <sup>14</sup> And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them, and he sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies. (Look at the US today; in debt; persecuted by muslims; no true allies, only "paid for friends")
- <sup>15</sup> Whithersoever they went out, the hand of the LORD was against them for evil, as the LORD had said, and as the LORD had sworn unto them: and they were greatly distressed. (evil= calamity better translation) (They deserved everything they got)

- <sup>16</sup> Nevertheless the LORD raised up judges, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them. (When they cried out to Him; there were good people in the mix. God made sure that they were taken care of)
- <sup>17</sup> And yet they would not hearken unto their judges, but they went a whoring after other gods, and bowed themselves unto them: they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers walked in, obeying the commandments of the LORD; but they did not so. (Poorly translated verse As soon as a judge died, they went back to their idolatry worship, and their perversions)
- <sup>18</sup> And when the LORD raised them up judges, then the LORD was with the judge, and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge: for it repented the LORD because of their groanings by reason of them that oppressed them and vexed them. (Generation after generation, The LORD had mercy on them, but they always strayed after a while)
- <sup>19</sup> And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, that they returned, and corrupted themselves more than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them, and to bow down unto them; they ceased not from their own doings, nor from their stubborn way.
- <sup>20</sup> And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel; and he said, Because that this people hath transgressed my covenant which I commanded their fathers, and have not hearkened unto my voice;
- <sup>21</sup> I also will not henceforth drive out any from before them of the nations which Joshua left when he died: (Joshua was faithful to God, yet even he fell short from wiping out the Canaanites, as God had commanded. If Israel wants to cleanse the land, they can do it for themselves)
- <sup>22</sup> That through them I may prove Israel, whether they will keep the way of the LORD to walk therein, as their fathers did keep it, or not. (prove Israel = test Israel better translation)
- <sup>23</sup> Therefore the LORD left those nations, without driving them out hastily; neither delivered he them into the hand of Joshua. See Chapter-3:3-5

God instructed Israel to wipe out the heathen Canaanites completely, but they didn't do it. The results were sexual perversion, human

sacrifice, idolatry and a complete loss of morality spreading throughout Israel.