

Cycles of Sin

Use the Judges passages in the chart below to study the details of the period of the judges. In each of the columns, fill in the appropriate information, using a portion of the text. Not all of the details are available for each passage. Then answer the questions on the next page.

Judges Passage	Israel's Action	The Oppressor	Israel's Reaction	God's Response	Deliverer/Judge
3:7–11					
3:12–15					
3:31					
4:1–7					
6:1–14					
10:1–2					
10:3–5					
10:6–18, 11:29–33					
12:8–10					
12:11–12					
12:13–15					
13:1, 15:20, 16:28–30					

1. What clear pattern of behavior did you find in the Israelites?
2. What pattern did you find in the behavior of God?
3. Which attributes of God are on display in the passages you studied?
4. How did God demonstrate mercy to the Israelites?
5. What is the difference between mercy and grace?
6. How did the Israelites receive grace from God?
7. God was faithful to the Israelites even when they were found faithless. What passages of Scripture address this idea in a more general sense, including His faithfulness to Christians? (Use your concordance or topical index and cross-references to identify a few passages.)