

Thesis Statement

During the time of the judges,

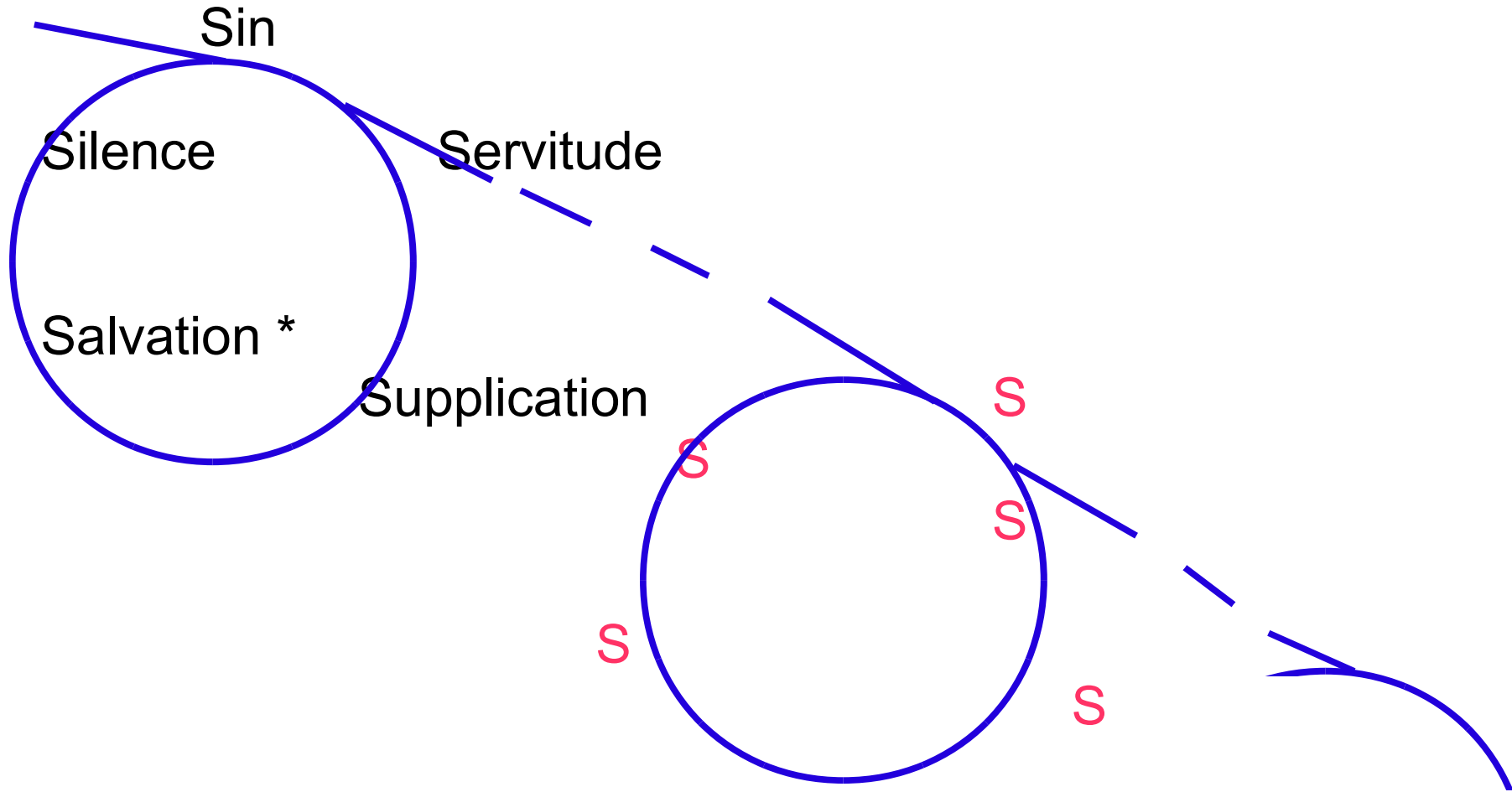
the Israelites became like the Canaanites,

but God preserved them as a distinct, surviving
people and nation

by raising up judges who saved them from their
enemies.

Judges – A Downward Spiral of Depravity

3:7 – 11



THE JUDGES OF ISRAEL

Judges 3–16

Judge	Years of Judging	Memorable Act(s)	Reference
Othniel	40	He captured a powerful Canaanite city	<u>Judges 3:7-11</u>
Ehud	80	He killed Eglon and defeated the Moabites	<u>Judges 3:12-30</u>
Shamgar	unrecorded	He killed 600 Philistines with an ox goad	<u>Judges 3:31</u>
Deborah (w/Barak)	40	She defeated Sisera and the Canaanites and later sang a victory song with Barak	<u>Judges 4-5</u>
Gideon	40	He destroyed his family idols, used a fleece to determine God's will, raised an army of 10,000, and defeated 135,000 Midianites with 300 soldiers	<u>Judges 6–8</u>
Tola	23	He judged Israel for 23 years	<u>Judges 10:1-2</u>
Jair	22	He had 30 sons	<u>Judges 10:3-5</u>
Jephthah	6	He made a rash vow, defeated the Ammonites, and later battled jealous Ephraim	<u>Judges 10:6–12:7</u>
Ibzan	7	He had 30 sons and 30 daughters	<u>Judges 12:8-10</u>
Elon	10	He judged Israel for 10 years.	<u>Judges 12:11-12</u>
Abdon	8	He had 40 sons and 30 grandsons, each of whom had his own donkey	<u>Judges 12:13-15</u>
Samson	20	He was a Nazirite, killed a lion with his bare hands, burned the Philistine wheat fields, killed 1,000 Philistines with a donkey's jawbone, tore off an iron gate, was betrayed by Delilah, and destroyed thousands of Philistines in one last mighty act	<u>Judges 13–16</u>

Tyndale

Outline of the Book of Judges

- I. Introduction to the Time of the Judges
(1:1-3:6)
- II. The Judges' Work
(3:7-16:31)
- III. Moral Decline During the Time of the Judges
Highlighted
(17-21)

The Inheritances of the Twelve Tribes of Israel

Tribal Origins of the Judges



The Kingdoms of Israel and Judah

--- Approximate frontiers
--- Hebrew kingdoms
--- Foreign kingdoms



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The Great Sea
(Mediterranean Sea)

Law of the Harvest

Be not deceived.

**God is not mocked;
for whatsoever a man soweth,
that shall he also reap.**

Gal. 6:7

Spiral of Depravity – Judges 10

10:6 SIN

10:7 – 9 SERVITUDE

10:10 SUPPLICATION

10:11 SURPRISE!



SALVATION

SILENCE

Judges 10:16b – The Mercy of Yahweh

- The LORD's mercy relates to man's misery (which has been brought on by sin).

- Mercy: hesed
lovingkindness
loyal love
loving loyalty



**Mercy, like grace,
is undeserved.**

- Psalm 86:5, 15
- Psalm 103:15 – 17