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these words unto all the chil-  
dren of Israel, that the people  
lifted up their voice, and wept.

5 And they called the name  
of that place Bochim:<sup>e</sup> and  
they sacrificed there unto the  
LORD.

#### Death of Joshua

6 ¶ And when Joshua had  
let the people go, the children  
of Israel went every man unto  
his inheritance to possess the  
land.<sup>f</sup>

7 And the people served the  
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that outlived Joshua, who had  
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dred and ten years old.<sup>h</sup>

9 And they buried him in  
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#### Disobedient Generation

10 And also all that genera-  
tion were gathered unto their

fathers: and there arose an-  
other generation after them,  
which knew not the LORD,  
nor yet the works which he  
had done for Israel.

11 ¶ And the children of  
Israel did evil<sup>k</sup> in the sight  
of the LORD, and served  
Baalim:<sup>l</sup>

12 And they forsook the  
LORD God of their fa-  
thers, which brought them  
out of the land of Egypt,  
and followed other gods,<sup>m</sup>  
of the gods of the people  
that were round about them,  
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13 And they forsook the  
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14 ¶ And the anger of  
the LORD was hot<sup>o</sup> against  
Israel, and he delivered them  
into the hands of spoilers  
that spoiled<sup>p</sup> them, and he  
sold them into the hands of  
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15 Whithersoever they  
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evil, as the LORD had said,  
and as the LORD had sworn<sup>r</sup>  
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greatly distressed.

#### Judges Raised Up

16 ¶ Nevertheless the  
LORD raised up judges,<sup>4</sup>

k. Judg. 4:1;  
6:1; 13:1;  
II Chron. 33:2.

#### Punishment

l. The plural  
form of Baal  
(son of El), the  
false god of the  
Canaanites and  
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worshipped for  
prosperity  
and riches.

m. Deut. 6:14-15.

n. The Canaanite  
goddess of fertility,  
love, and war  
(I Sam. 7:3-4;  
12:10).

o. Judg. 2:20;  
3:7-8; 10:7;  
II Kings 13:3.

p. Plunder, rob.

q. Judg. 3:8; 4:2;  
I Sam. 12:9.

r. Deut. 4:25-28;  
Josh. 23:15-16.

2. (2:2) Israel was instructed not to form alliances with other nations or worship the gods of those nations, but they repeatedly disobeyed the LORD God (Ex. 23:32-33; 34:12-17; Deut. 7:2-4,16; Jer. 7:23-28).

3. (2:12) The remaining verses of chapter 2 summarize the Book of Judges. Israel forsook the LORD God by serving the pagan gods of the nations around them, the anger of the LORD was kindled, Israel was conquered by their enemies, the LORD heard their cries, and He sent a judge to deliver them.

4. (2:16) Following the death of Joshua, Israel was ruled by judges who served as military and civil leaders. These Spirit-filled individuals delivered the nation from their enemies and continued to lead the people in times of peace. This form of leadership continued until Israel demanded a king to rule over them (I Sam. 8:1-22).

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