

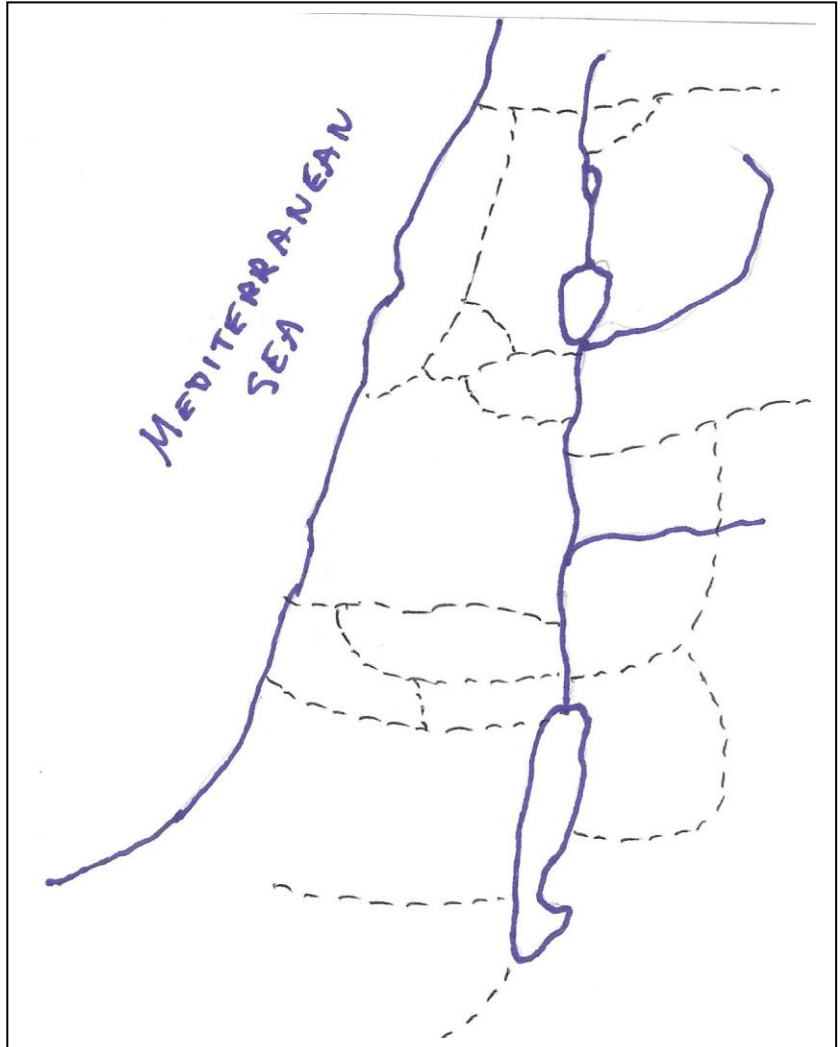
Judges 2 & 10 - The Pattern of Israel's History

1. Find a map in your Bible, and print the names of the twelve tribes of Israel in the correct places.

Asher
Benjamin
Dan (twice)
Ephraim
Gad
Issachar
Judah
Manasseh (twice)
Naphtali
Reuben
Simeon
Zebulon

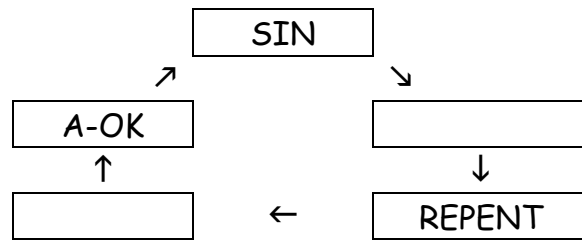
2. Now add the names of the surrounding nations.

AMMONITES
EDOMITES
MOABITES
PHILISTINES



3. The stories in the book of Judges illustrate a pattern in the history of the Israelites. **Judges 2:11-23** is an editorial comment which explains this cycle of sin, punishment, and eventual salvation. How would the people sin (verses 11-13)?
4. What was their punishment (verses 14-15)?
5. How would Yahweh save them (verses 16-18)?
6. When would the cycle start over (verses 19-23)?

7. **Judges 10:6-16**, another editorial summary, adds an additional action to the cycle: the people would repent and pray. Put it in the correct place.



8. Is this a realistic pattern for our own lives?
9. The main part of the book of Judges contains stories about heroic men and women who rescued the Israelites in times of trouble and who may have guided them during peaceful times. The stories are arranged in a stylized pattern. To get an idea of this arrangement, fill in the following table listing the names of the judges, their tribe, the enemy (if any), and the length of their judgeship.

JUDGE	TRIBE	ENEMY	YEARS
	Judah	Mesopotamians	
Ehud			80
	Simeon	-----	-----
Deborah & Barak			
	Mansseh		40
Tola		-----	
Jair	Reuben	-----	
	Gad	Philistines & Ammonites	6
	Asher (?)	-----	
Elon		-----	
	Ephraim	-----	8
Samson		Philistines	