



10 Day Israel Tour

February 8-17, 2022



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distress = to bind, restrict to squeeze between what feels like two bad options "And Amnon was so tormented that he made himself ill because of his sister Tamar, for she was a virgin, and it seemed impossible to Amnon to do anything to her."

2 Samuel 13:2

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Why is Israel struggling in the land?

Now the angel of the Lord went up from Gilgal to Bochim. And he said, "I brought you up from Egypt and brought you into the land that I swore to give to your fathers. I said, 'I will never break my covenant with you."

Judges 2:1

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"And the Lord was with Judah, and he took possession of the hill country, but he could not drive out the inhabitants of the plain because they had chariots of iron."

Judges 1:19

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"Though they have chariots of iron, and though they are strong ..."

Joshua 17:18

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inflate - we think we don't need God deflate - we think he is done with us 2. Israel refused to **obey God's voice**.

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"And you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; you shall break down their altars." But you have not obeyed my voice. What is this you have done?"

Judges 2:2

"So now I say, I will not drive them out before you, but they shall become thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare to you."

Judges 2:3

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"I won over £127,000 in one night. That was the worst night of my life because that's when my addiction really started to spiral out of control. "The casino wanted me back, and they offered me anything I wanted - free drinks, free meals to entice me."

Lisa Walker



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"And the people served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great work that the Lord had done for Israel."

Judges 2:7

4. Israel failed to **pass truth** to the **next generation**.

"And all that generation also were gathered to their fathers. And there arose another generation after them who did not know the Lord or the work that he had done for Israel."

Judges 2:10 1st generation - believes

1st generation - believes 2nd generation - assumes 1st generation - believes 2nd generation - assumes 3rd generation - denies

D.A. Carson

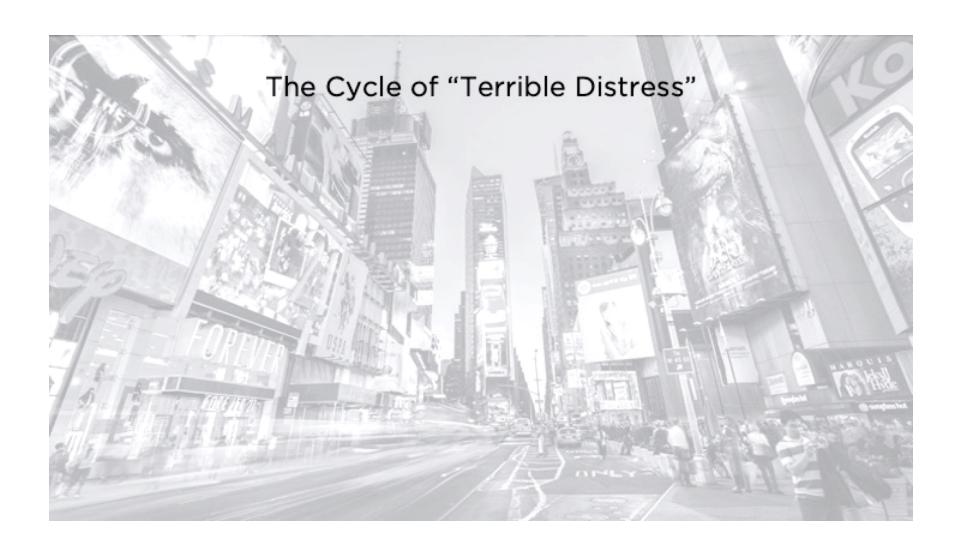
"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

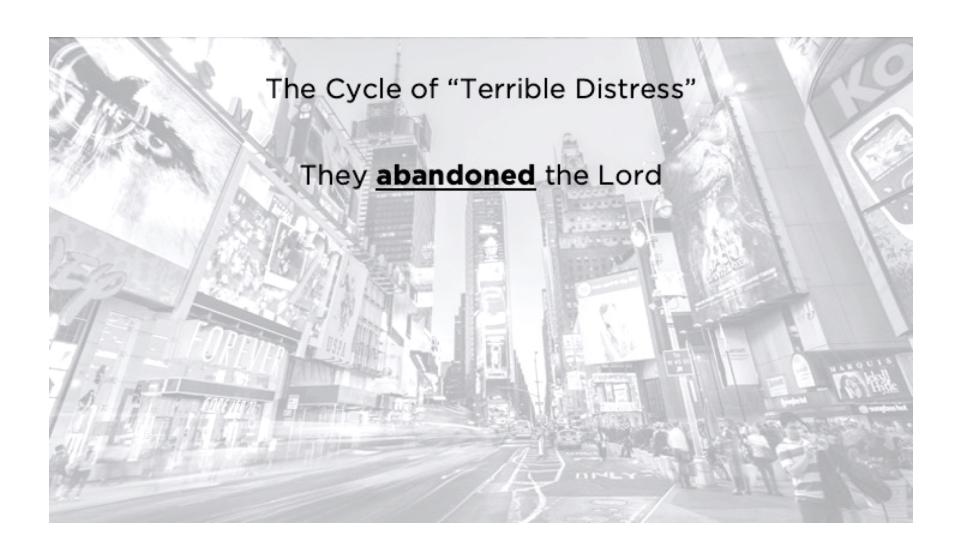
"You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

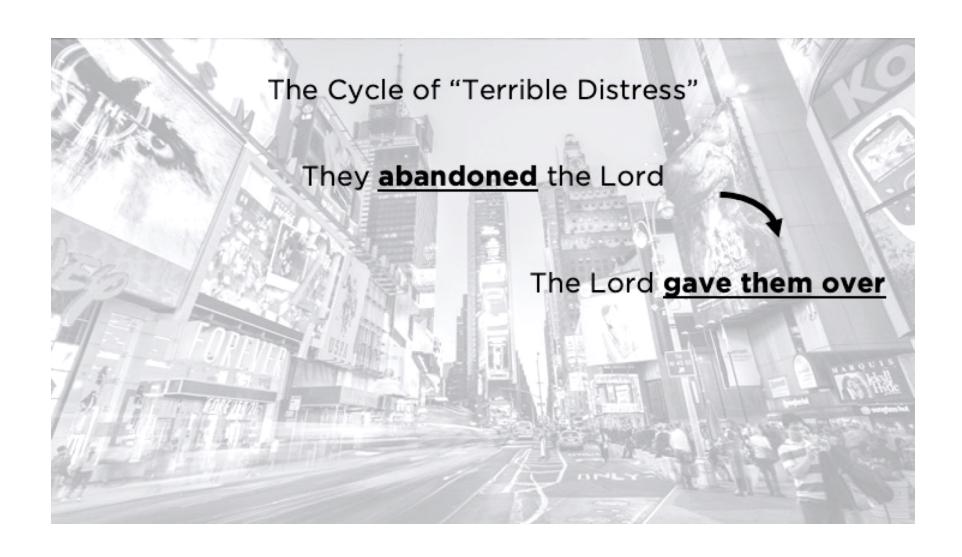
"You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."

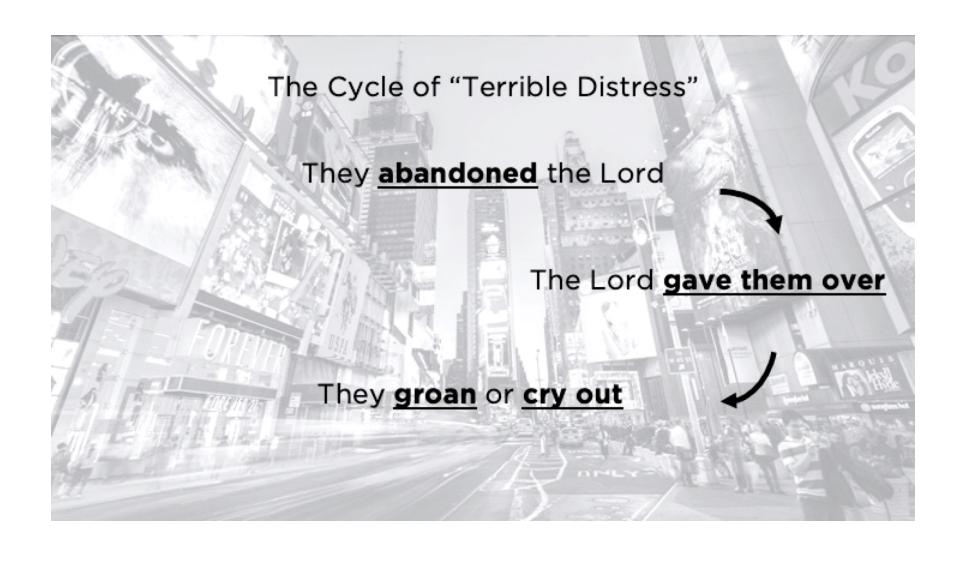
Deuteronomy 6:4-9

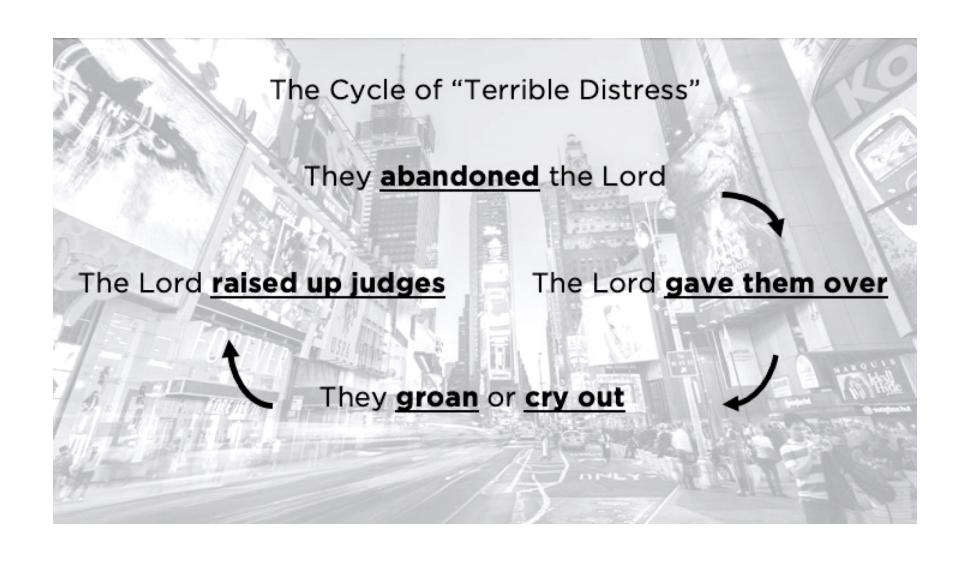
5. Israel was caught in a **spiraling cycle**.

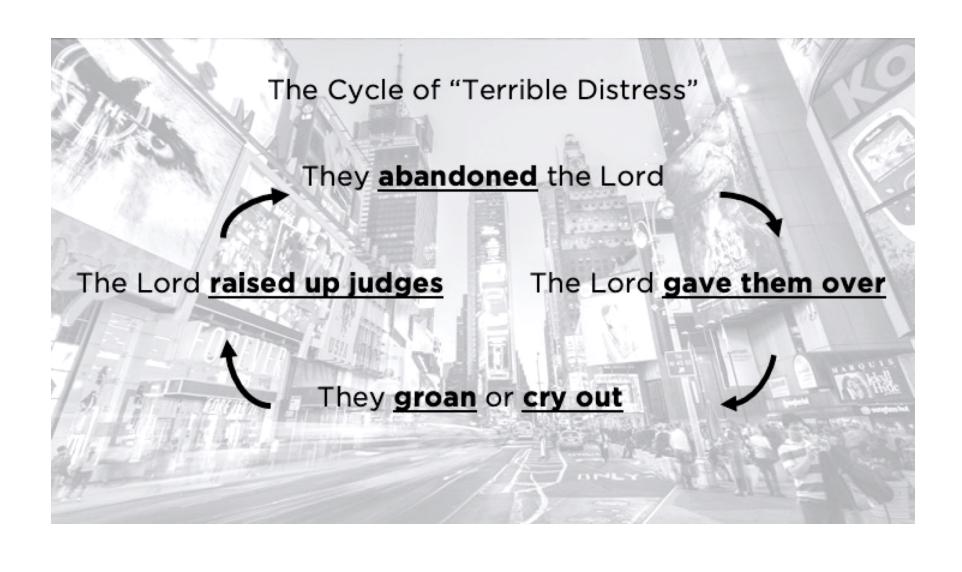










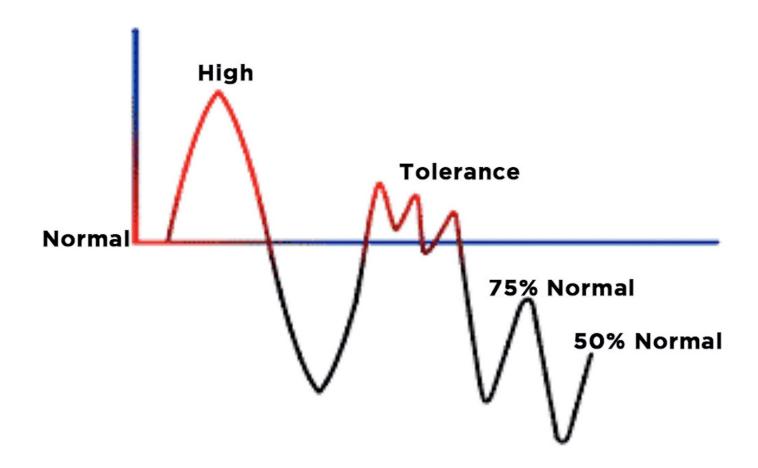


"But whenever the judge died, they turned back and were more corrupt than their fathers, going after other gods, serving them and bowing down to them. They did not drop any of their practices or their stubborn ways."

Judges 2:19

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Judges 2:19b



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"I will no longer drive out before them any of the nations that Joshua left when he died, in order to test Israel by them, whether they will take care to walk in the way of the Lord as their fathers did, or not.' So the Lord left those nations, not driving them out quickly, and he did not give them into the hand of Joshua." Judges 2:21-23 "to authenticate"

"to test"

"to refine" קרף

"to reveal" נסה 7. God was **training** Israel **in war**.

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"It was only in order that the generations of the people of Israel might know war, to teach war to those who had not known it before."

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Because our **brokenness** goes **deeper** and **wider** than we realize, God's **salvation** goes **deeper** and **wider** than we expected.

"And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

"And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God."

Ezekiel 36:26-28

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Life has meaning / I have worth only if I have influence over others.

2. Idols of **approval**

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Life has meaning / I have worth only if I am loved and respected by _____.

3. Idols of **comfort**

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Life has meaning / I have worth only if I have this kind of pleasure ...

4. Idols of control

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Life has meaning / I have worth only if I am able to get mastery over my life in the area of ______.

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28

"I finally got to see a normal family. They liked each other, would play cards and board games, and talk. I loved going to their home. One afternoon Allison asked if I would like to join them at their church.

"I was 28 and had been to church three times in my entire life. I initially said no, but then after a couple weeks I decided to go because one of their grandsons was going to be baptized. I went that Sunday and every Sunday for the next three years!" "Now I know how to care, how to pray, how to let others love me. I've learned what it means to be loved by God and how to love others by watching them." "For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

"We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. "For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him."

Romans 6:5-8

"Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming.

"In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. "Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator."

Colossians 3:5-10