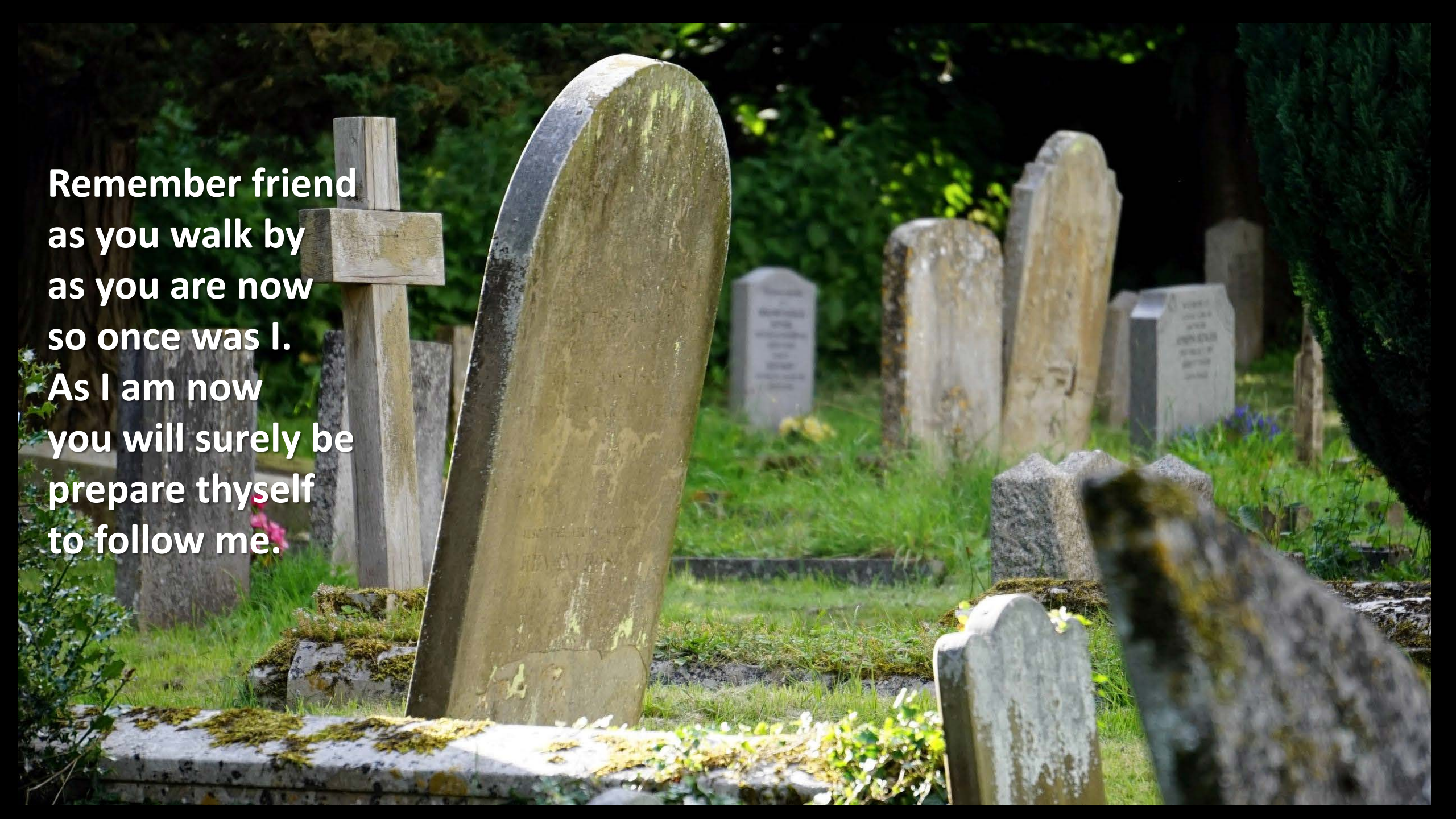





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What does this look like?





Serving God together – Conducting prayer retreat for Intercessors from Malaysia Churches (2013)

An open book with a red bookmark is shown in the background. The pages are slightly aged and the binding is visible in the center. The text is overlaid on the left side of the book.

Context of Chapter 24

1. Dying man last word i.e. WWW.
2. Reminder of the goodness of the Lord.
3. How to finish well ie Choose well.

JOSHUA'S FAREWELL ADDRESS TO ALL ISRAEL (24:1–33)

A. The details (24:1–28) – of God's faithfulness and response of the faithful

1. Summary of God's faithfulness and goodness towards Israel (24:1–24):
 - a. What the Lord has done (24:1–13): From Abraham to Moses to Joshua
 - b. What Israel must do (24:14–24):
2. Symbol of Israel's promise (24:25–28):

B. The deaths (24:29–31, 33)

1. Joshua (24:29–31)
2. Eleazar (24:33)

C. The displacement (24:32) :

Joseph's bones, carried to Canaan from Egypt, buried at Shechem.

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In the days of Moses

5 Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt by what I did in its midst; and afterward I brought you out. 6 I brought your fathers out of Egypt, and you came to the sea; and Egypt pursued your fathers with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. 7 But when they cried out to the Lord, He put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea upon them and covered them; and your own eyes saw what I did in Egypt. And you lived in the wilderness for a long time. 8 Then I brought you into the land of the Amorites who lived beyond the Jordan, and they fought with you; and I gave them into your hand, and you took possession of their land when I destroyed them before you. 9 Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and fought against Israel, and he sent and summoned Balaam the son of Beor to curse you. 10 But I was not willing to listen to Balaam. So he had to bless you, and I delivered you from his hand.

In the days of Joshua

11 You crossed the Jordan and came to Jericho; and the citizens of Jericho fought against you, and the Amorite and the Perizzite and the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Girgashite, the Hivite and the Jebusite. Thus I gave them into your hand. 12 Then I sent the hornet before you and it drove out the two kings of the Amorites from before you, but not by your sword or your bow. 13 I gave you a land on which you had not labored, and cities which you had not built, and you have lived in them; you are eating of vineyards and olive groves which you did not plant.'

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How to finish well - choose well

Deut 30:19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants, 20 by loving the Lord your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days, that you may live in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.”



Choose Life = Love God + Obey God + Hold Fast to God

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Jos 8: 33 All Israel with their elders and officers and their judges were standing on both sides of the ark before the Levitical priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord, the stranger as well as the native. Half of them stood in front of **Mount Gerizim** and half of them in front of **Mount Ebal**, just as Moses the servant of the Lord had given command at first to bless the people of Israel. 34 Then afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessing and the curse, according to all that is written in the book of the law. 35 There was not a word of all that Moses had commanded which Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel with the women and the little ones and the strangers who were living among them.

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2. Choice must be consistent
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14 “Now, therefore, fear the Lord and serve Him in sincerity and truth; and put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. 15 If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”



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Complete means:

- Fear the Lord
- Serve Him in sincerity and truth
- Put away the gods





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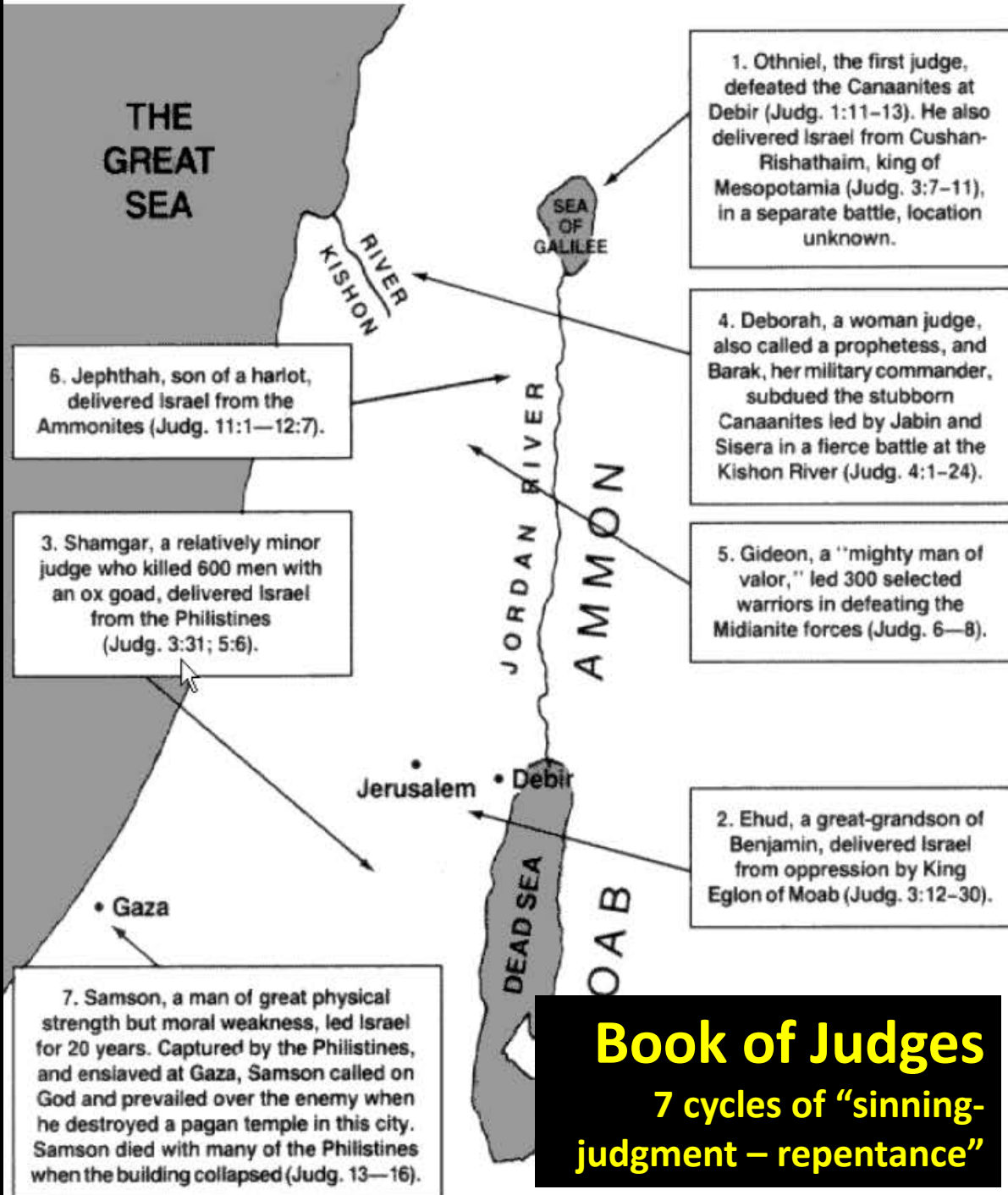
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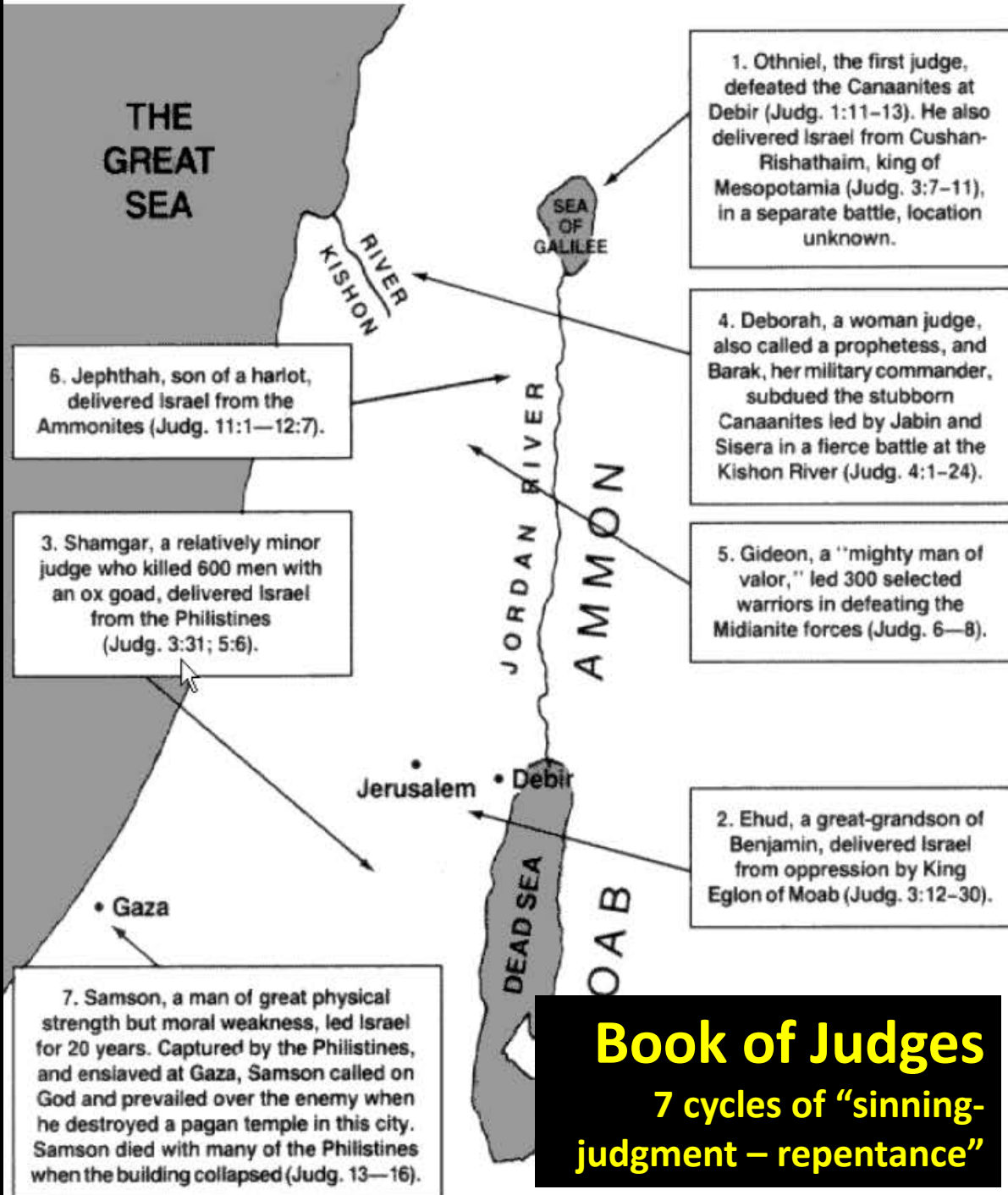
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Book of Judges

7 cycles of “sinning-judgment – repentance”

7 x Now the sons of Israel again did **evil in the sight of the Lord**.

17:6 In those days there was no king in Israel; every man did what was **right in his own eyes**.

WHAT HEZEKIAH DID



He removed all the high places, sacred stones, and cut down Asherah poles.

He also broke the bronze serpent the Israelites had been worshipping

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He restored the Passover..

He was a good king when he was younger.

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For he thought, “For there will be peace and truth in my days.”

Context = visit by Babylonian representatives at Jerusalem to wish Hezekiah well. And he showed them the treasuries of Judah.



586 BC


The wall of Jerusalem broken down.
All its palaces were burned with fire.
And Precious vessels were destroyed.

686 Hezekiah died

605 Babylonians invaded Judah

597 Babylonians captured Jerusalem

586 Babylonians destroyed Jerusalem

A large, dimly lit theater or auditorium filled with a diverse audience. In the foreground, a man in a light-colored short-sleeved shirt stands with his back to the camera, facing the audience. He is holding a microphone and some papers. The audience is seated in rows, filling the lower and upper levels of the theater. The lighting is focused on the speaker and the text overlay.

**What about you personally?
Are their idols in our hearts?
Would you keep your choice consistently?**



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CHOOSE TO CARRY OUT (4th speech)

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Gen 12:6
Abram met God , promise given

Gen 33:17-20
Jacob built an altar

Jos 8:33
Joshua gathered the people for reminder
of the Law of God

Shechem
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Our “New Shechem”

= Place of Encounter & Reminder

= Wallpaper

Download the Joshua 24:15 Wallpaper
by scanning the QR Code below



Choice must be carried out:

1. Pray for Family & Cell
2. Share the Gospel & lead someone to the Lord
3. Bring someone to BBTC





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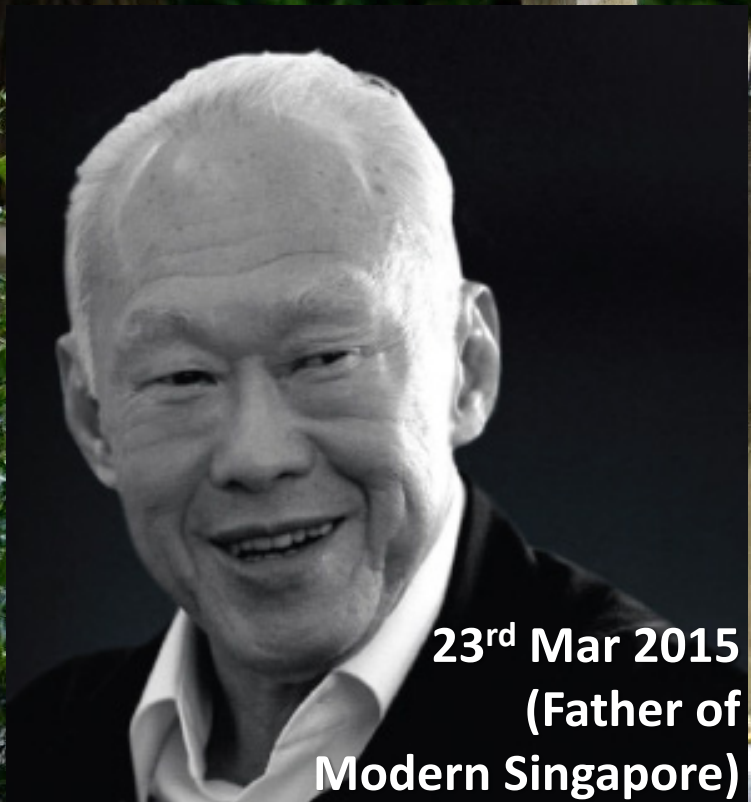
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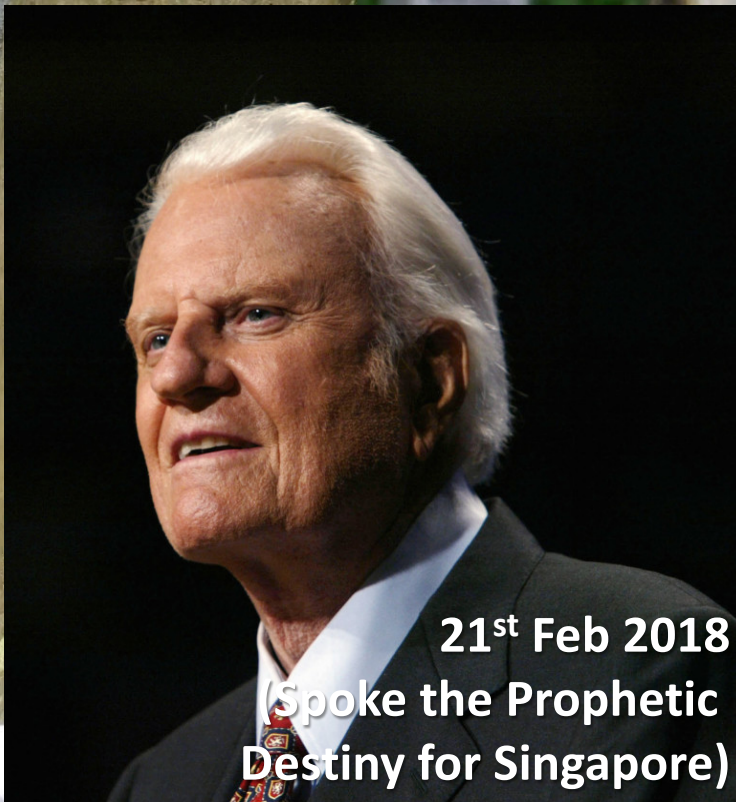
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(Priest of Israel)



23rd Mar 2015
(Father of
Modern Singapore)



21st Feb 2018
(Spoke the Prophetic
Destiny for Singapore)



25th Mar 2018
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