

Getting started: Why is a bad habit so hard to break? What can be done to break a cycle of repetition?

**Read vv. 1-5**

**Bad News**

1. Name the three main points of the Angel of the Lord's message to Israel. (vv. 1-2)
2. What did He say would happen because of Israel's disobedience? (v. 3) How did Israel respond to this news? What name was given to this place?

**Read vv. 6-10**

**Falling Away**

3. How long did Israel's faithfulness to the Lord last? How old was Joshua when he died?
4. What reasons might explain the falling away of people after a leader's death? What might we do to prevent the same happening to the present generation?

**Read vv. 11-19**

**Judgment Falls**

5. What did the people do after Joshua and his colleagues were deceased? (vv. 11-13)

6. How did God respond? What did the hand of the Lord do to them? (vv. 14-15).

7. How did God show mercy to disobedient Israel? How did Israel respond to his mercy? (vv. 16-17)

8. What moved the Lord to show mercy to His people? (vv. 18-19) What happened when the judge died?

**Read vv. 20-23**

**Test Continues**

9. What reason is given for the Lord's refusal to drive out the nations from before Israel? What did those nations in the land become to Israel?

10. Explain the difference between a test and a temptation. Who is responsible for each of them? (James 1:13-14; 1 Pet. 5:8-9)

**Going Deeper**

11. How can we square a loving God with the obvious judgment that He sent on his people because of their disobedience? (see Hebrew 12:5-6; Proverbs 3:12; Revelation 3:19)