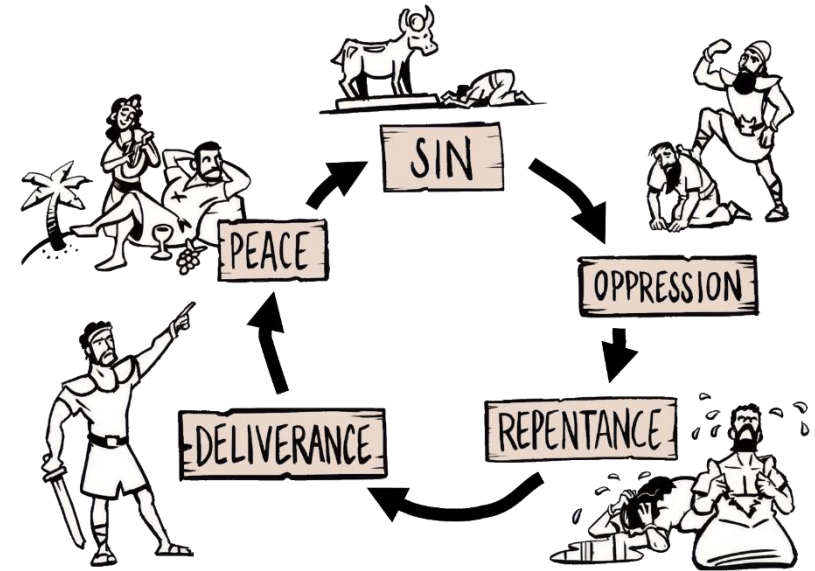


**Judges 2:11-19**  
Israel's Cycle of Sin and Deliverance

11-13 – Israel forsakes Yahweh

14-15 – God responds with anger and discipline

16-19 – Judges provided temporary relief



▲ Schematic illustrating the cycle of Israel's sin and deliverance.

► Bronze figurines representing Baal, from the 14<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> centuries BC. All three are shown in the standard "smiting" pose. Baal was a god of weather, storms, and war.



**Food for Thought**

- Mankind is born \_\_\_\_\_ and naturally gravitates toward \_\_\_\_\_.
- God is not \_\_\_\_\_ about what his people do.
- God's \_\_\_\_\_ in repeatedly sending deliverers is quite remarkable.



◀ Gold and clay representations of Astarte, the Canaanite goddess of war and fertility; from the 14<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> centuries BC.