



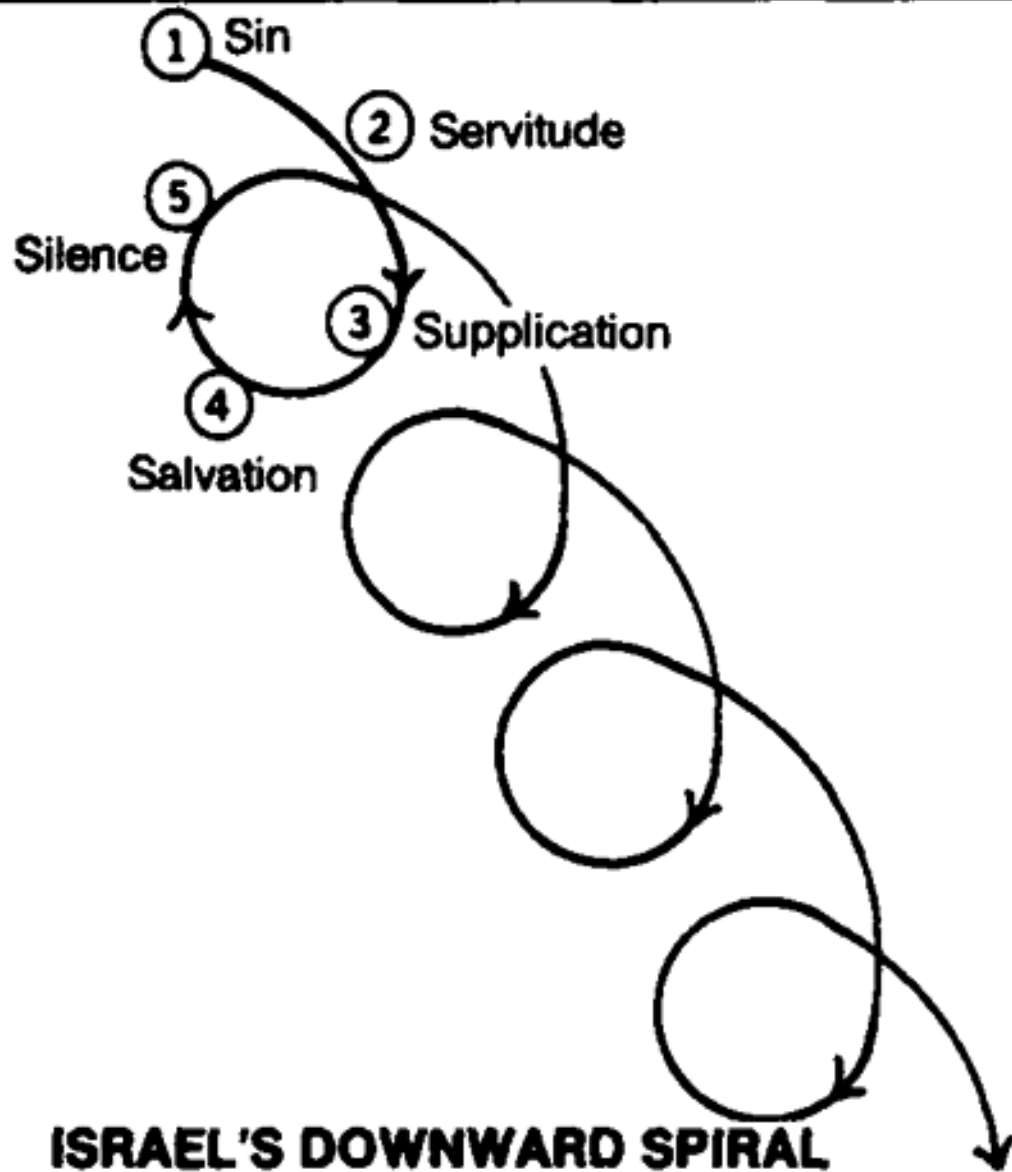
What characterized the dark time of the judges?

1-Second Generation syndrome ()

- They did not acknowledge the LORD
- They took God's blessings for granted
- They forsook the LORD and served other gods

2-Continuing downward spiral (11-

- Defection
- Suffering
- Cries of distress
- Deliverance
- Further decline



**ISRAEL'S DOWNWARD SPIRAL
UNDER THE JUDGES**



1. Firmly place your faith in Christ
2. Keep reminding yourself of the astounding grace of God
3. Be controlled by scripture rather than culture
4. Immediately confess and renounce sinful compromises
5. Rely on God's power/Spirit