

# GLEANINGS

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## **DIDN'T THIS HAPPEN BEFORE?**

The French have an expression for it. Daja vu. Basically, it means you have seen something happen before and now you are experiencing it again. If we examine the Bible, we can see where our Lord has sometimes allowed things to happen over and over again to citizens of nations in order to wean their affections from things of this earth and cause them to depend upon Him and His ability. One of the books that relate this is the book of Judges. I recommend that you take time to read the book this week.

*“13 Because they had thus abandoned him and served Baal and the Ashtaroth, 14 the anger of the LORD flared up against Israel, and he delivered them over to plunderers who despoiled them. He allowed them to fall into the power of their enemies round about whom they were no longer able to withstand. Whatever they undertook, the LORD turned into disaster for them, as in his warning he had sworn he would do (Leviticus 26), till they were in great distress. 16 Even when the LORD raised up judges to deliver them from the power of their despoilers, 17 they did not listen to their judges, but abandoned themselves to the worship of other gods. They were quick to stray from the way their fathers had taken, and did not follow their example of obedience to the commandments of the LORD. 18 Whenever the LORD raised up judges for them, he would be with the judge and save them from the power of their enemies as long as the judge lived; it was thus the LORD took pity on their distressful cries of affliction under their oppressors. 19 But when the judge died, they would relapse and do worse than their fathers, following other gods in service and worship, relinquishing none of their evil practices or stubborn conduct.” Judges 2:13-19 The New American Bible*

When we search the scriptures, we see the outcome of individuals, churches, and nations that turn away from the true and living God. They are very religious but many of the people have never asked Jesus Christ to pay their sin debt (2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:1-5).