Judges

From the time Joshua died until Saul became the king the people of Israel were led by a number of so-called 'judges' (actually they are rather political / military leaders).

In the Bible, a whole book tells their stories. And after the death of each of these leaders it is noted that 'the Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD'. Then God gives them in the hand of one of their enemies until they cry to the Lord, and God lets a new 'judge' stand up to save the people.

Can you find the Judges here?

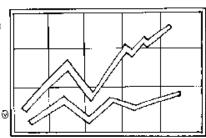
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Today's lessons:

Judges 4:1-7	God had given the Holy Land to the Israelites. But there were already other people living there, and it took several generations before the Israelites could really take possession. For a while it was Deborah and her general Barak who led the fight.									
Psalm 123	All eyes on the Lord; we all depend on him and his mercy!									
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	The Day of the Lord (Judgement Day!) will come suddenly. Yet for Christians that is not a reason for fear. We should rather look forward to being united with Christ, our Lord.									
Matthew 25:14-30	Because Jesus knows that we are more familiar with the ways of the world than with God's ways, he chooses an example from the world of business to explain what 'stewardship' means.									
I THINK THAT IN TODAY'S IT'S NOT MARKET, THIS A STORY STORY WOULD ABOUT	Agnus Day It's a story about How we spend OUR SALVATION. THE MASTER WOULD HAVE SAID TO THE LAST GUY. "HEY! WAY TO GO! YOU									

HAVE GONE THE OTHER "THE MARKET." WAY.





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THE DAY OF THE LORD

The reason why we can look forward to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ lies according to Thessalonians 5 in our origin. For that reason:

CAREFULLY HOLD THE ORIGINAL.

And look at it closely, then you will detect (through rearranging the letters) the message about our origin that it contains:

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Looking for a role model ?

Look no further than Psalm 123!

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Capital and Interest

When someone entrusts a fortune to people who work for him, he usually expects them neither to spend the money nor just to put it in a safe deposit box, but to gain some profit for him.

That's similar to what Jesus expects from us: he has saved us and entrusted with our life. But it is still his and not ours – and even we are his (like the slaves in the story are owned by the master) and don't live and work on our own account but for him!

Unscramble the words from Jesus' parable about the talents and find out what the Lord wants his servant to be!

