

Judges

The purpose of the period of the Judges

- Courtesy of David Gooding
- Reading: 3:1-6
- Teach Israel warfare: 3:2
- Test obedience to the Lord: 3:4
- Idolatry through marriage: 3:6

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- In our own spiritual war within us between the flesh and the Spirit we know that God has not removed the flesh or natural man from us yet (Gal 5:14-26).
- Do you remember the phrase, “Make love, not war?” Paul tells the Galatians to make war through love. They were to overcome evil with good.

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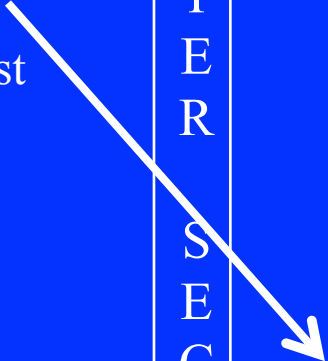
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Characteristics of life in the times of the judges

- *Overall decline* in Israel as well as its judges
- *Sins of omission* by not driving out all the Canaanites from the cities in the plains where they had iron chariots (1:1-3:6)
- *Sins of commission* of idolatry, sexual and personal abuse, and civil war (17-21)

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Characteristics of life in the times of the judges

- There were more than seven judges mentioned in Judges but only seven apostasies and the judges related to them are covered in detail.
- In the following slide we will examine the cases of seven apostasies and their judges in a chiasm (an inverted V) in chapters 3:7-16:31, the center section of the book.

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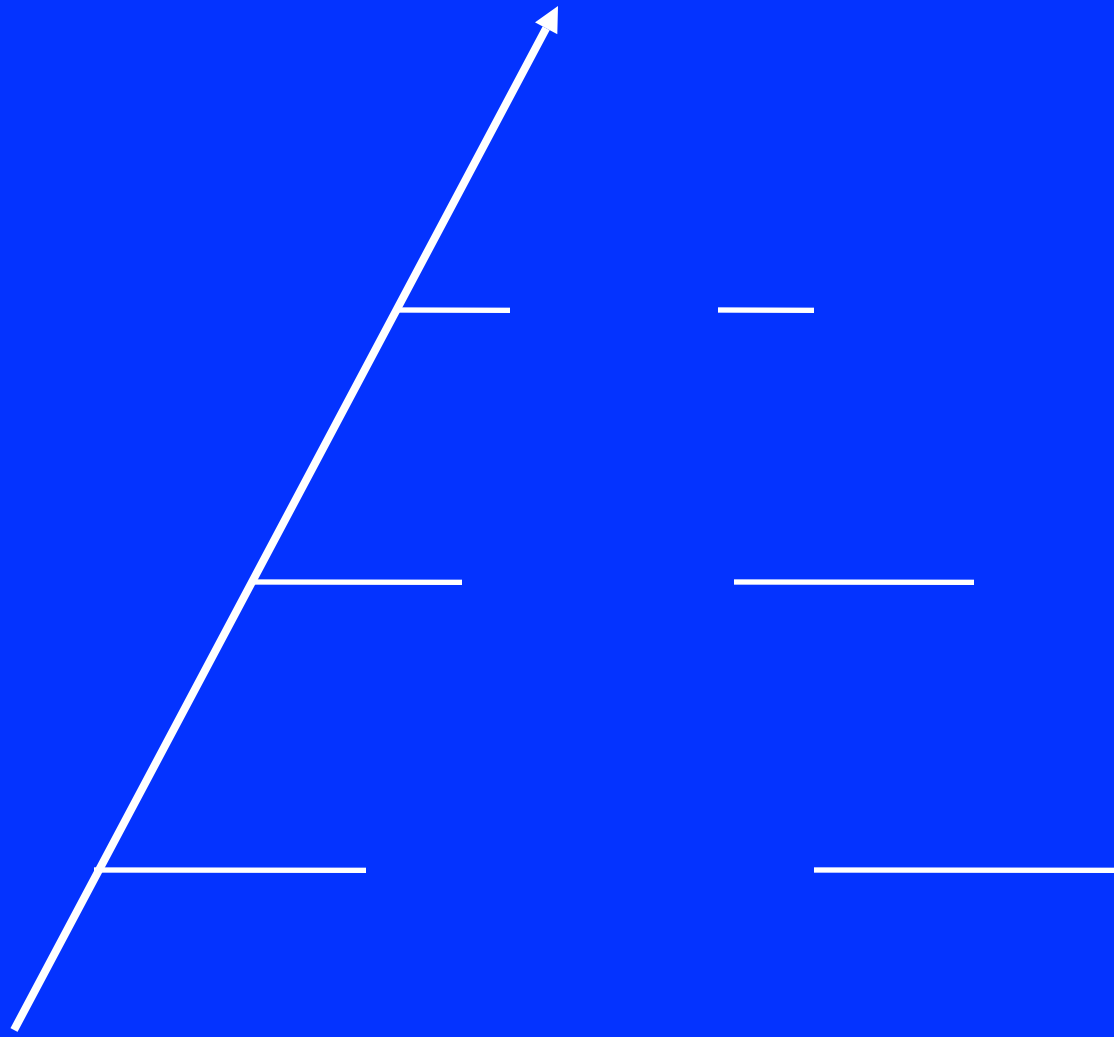
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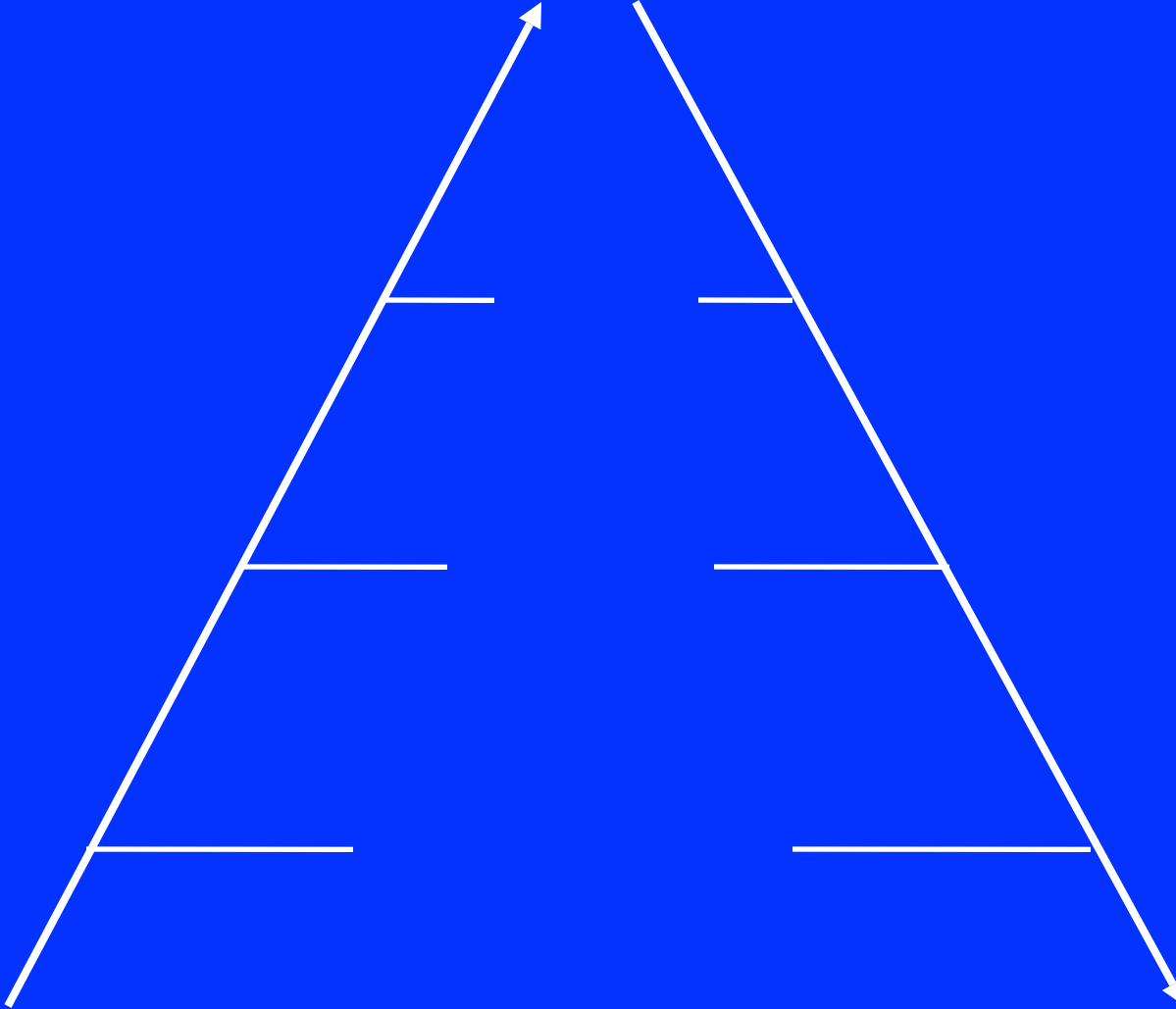
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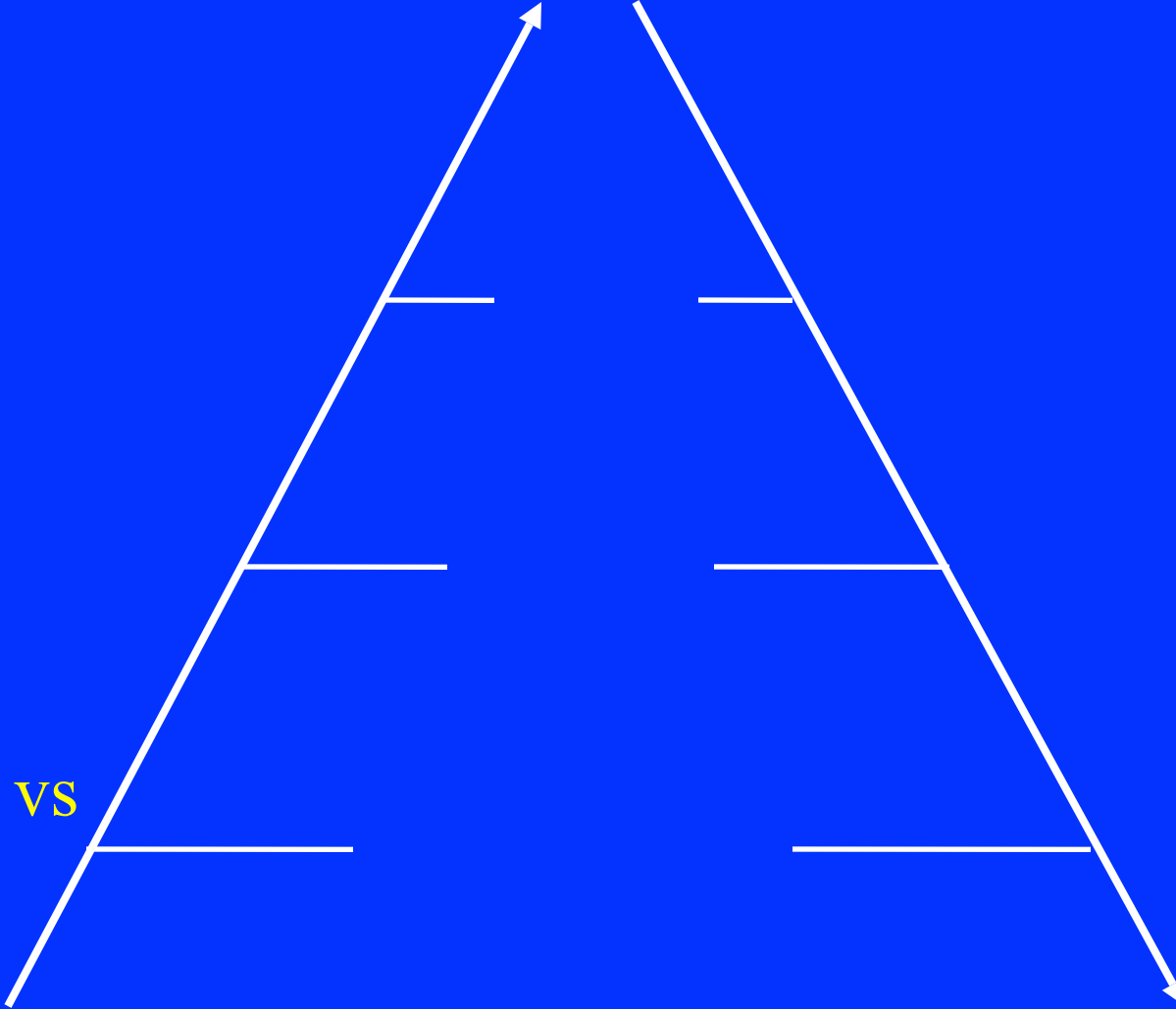
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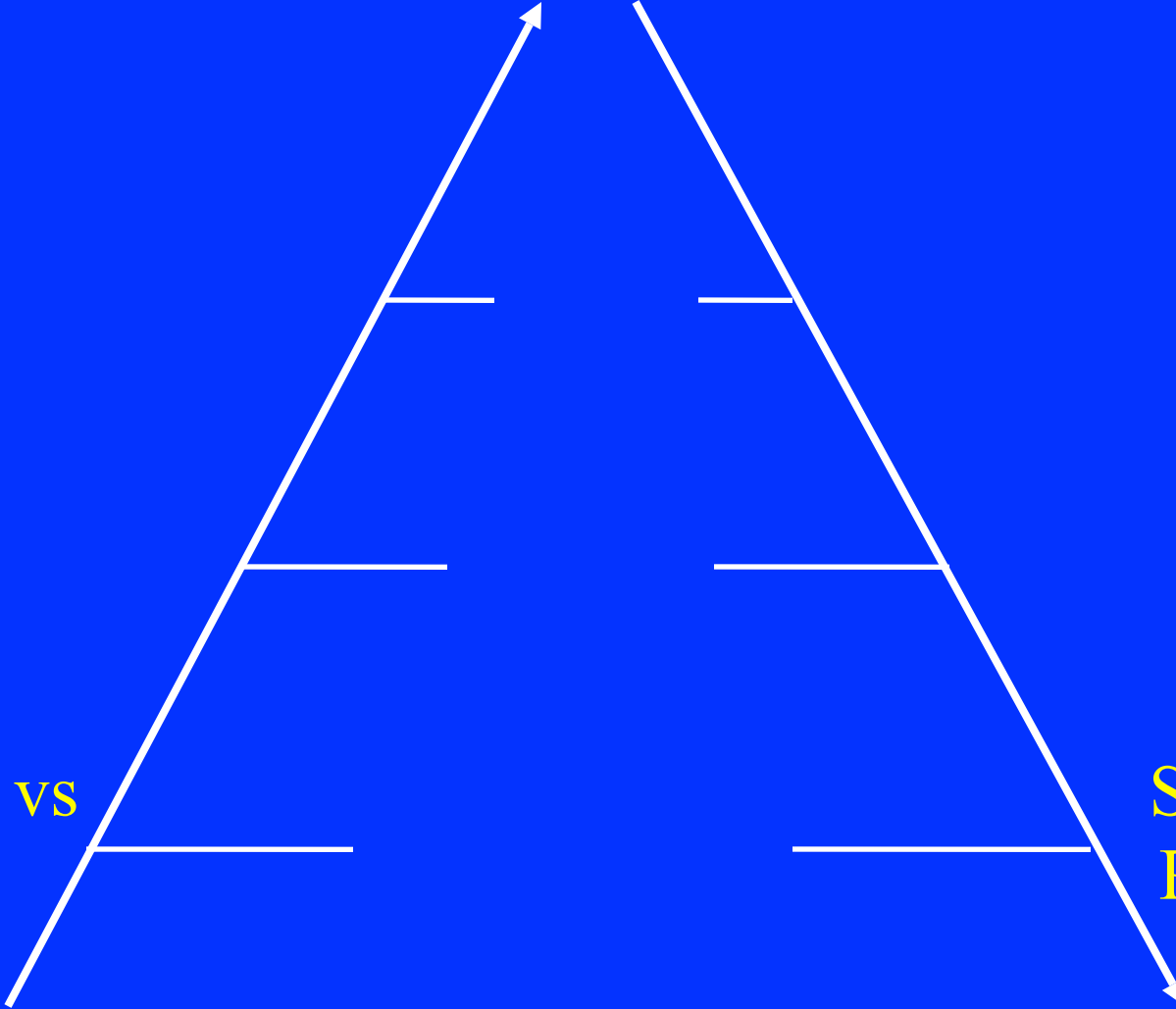
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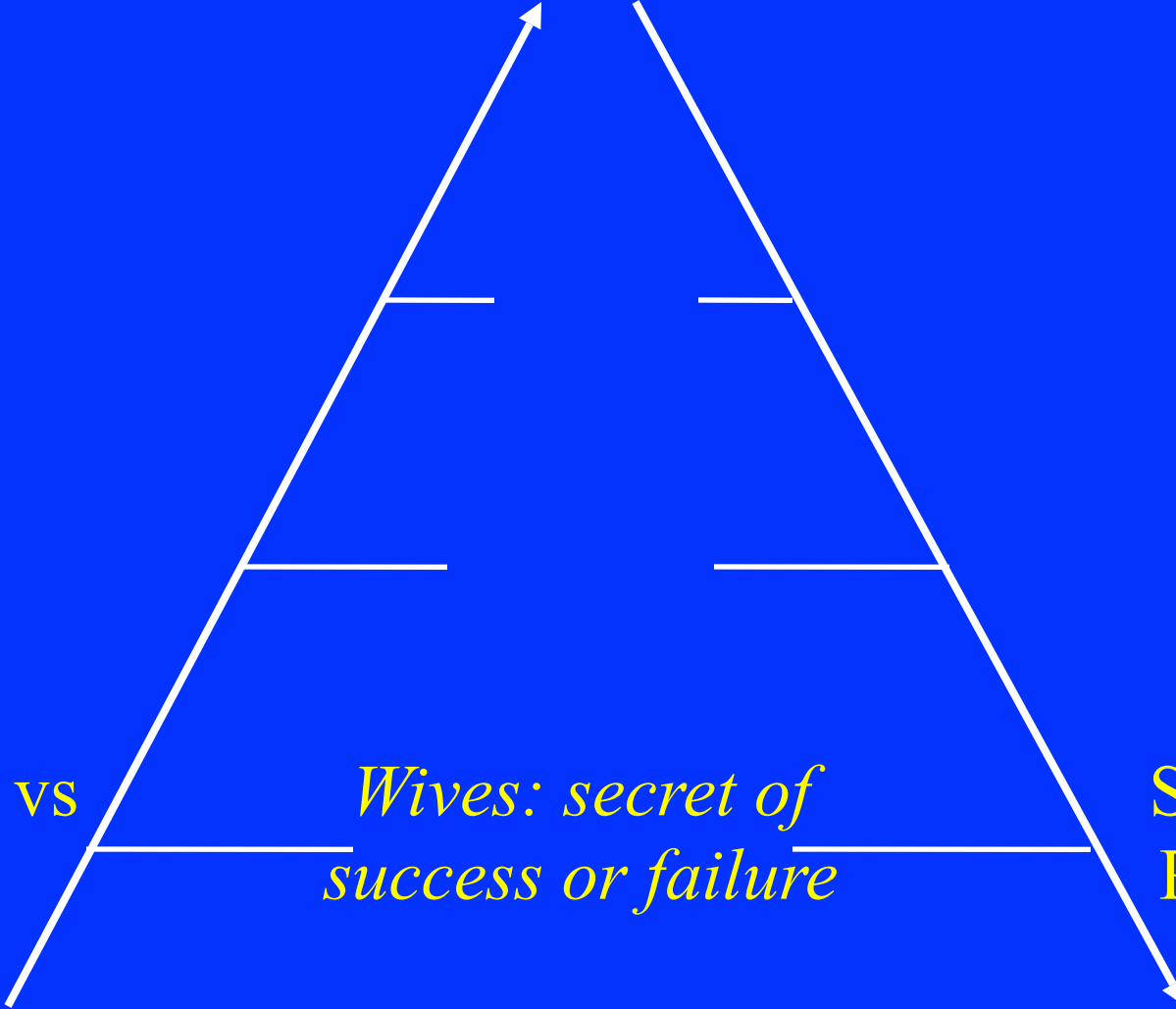


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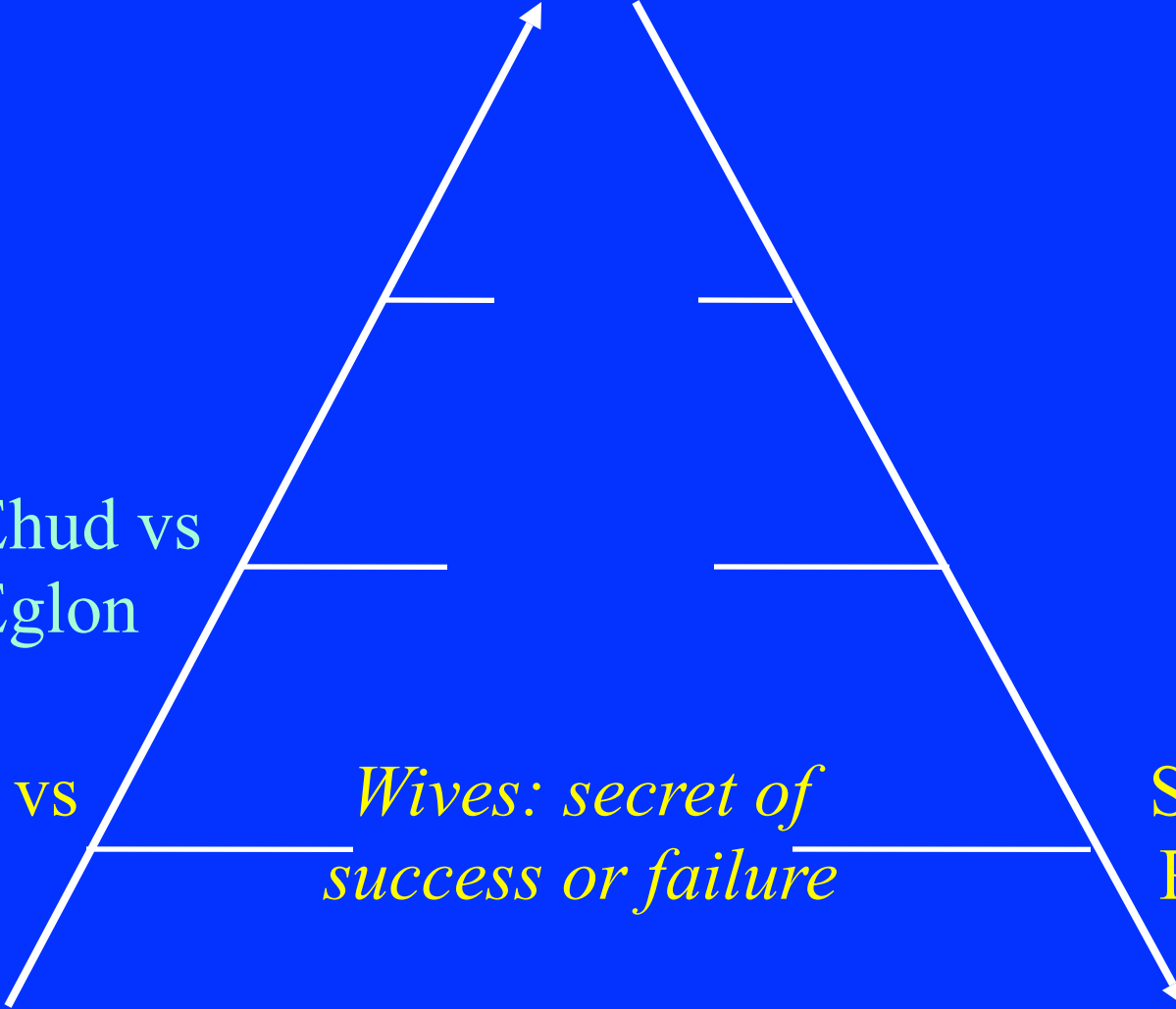
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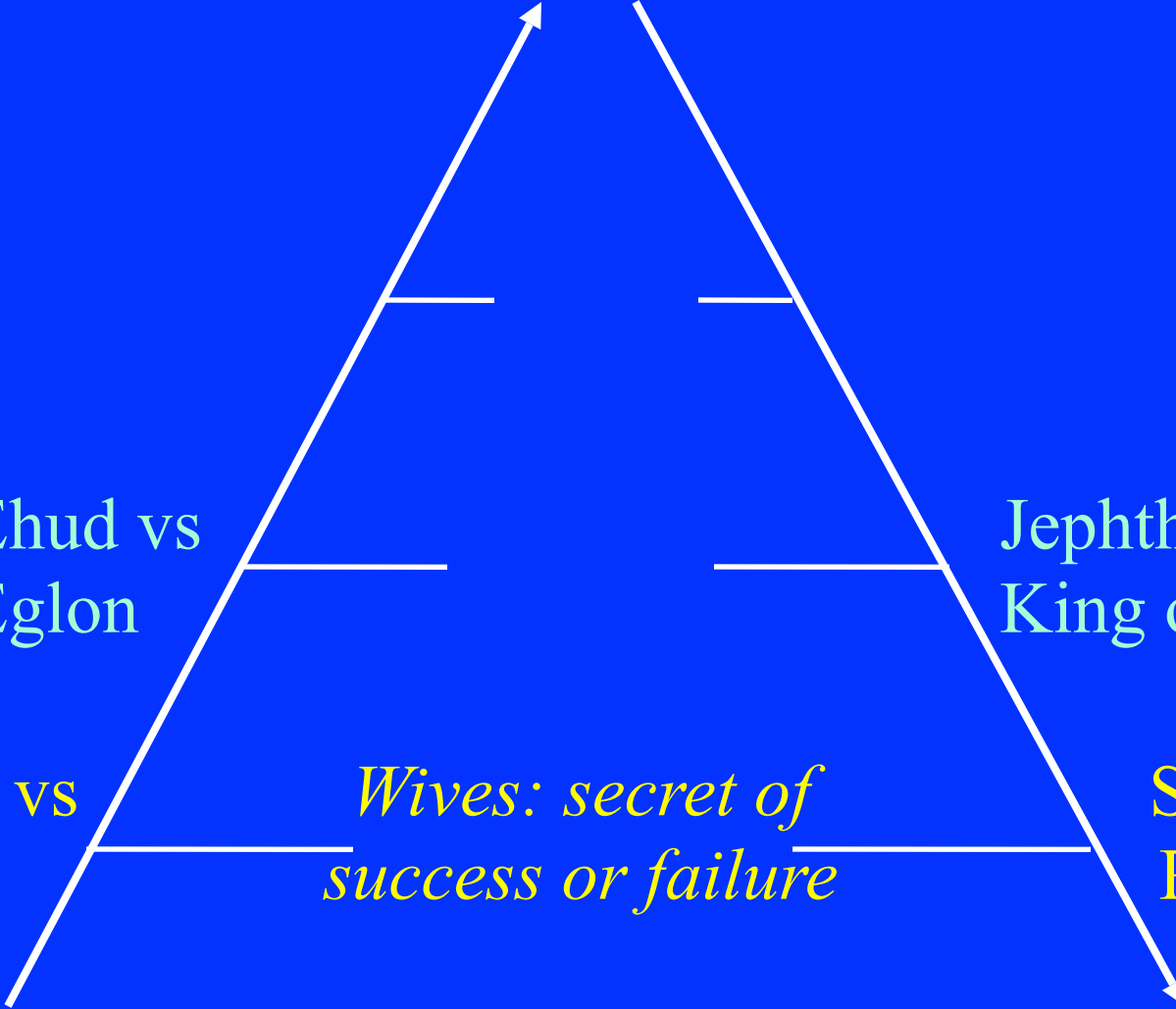
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