

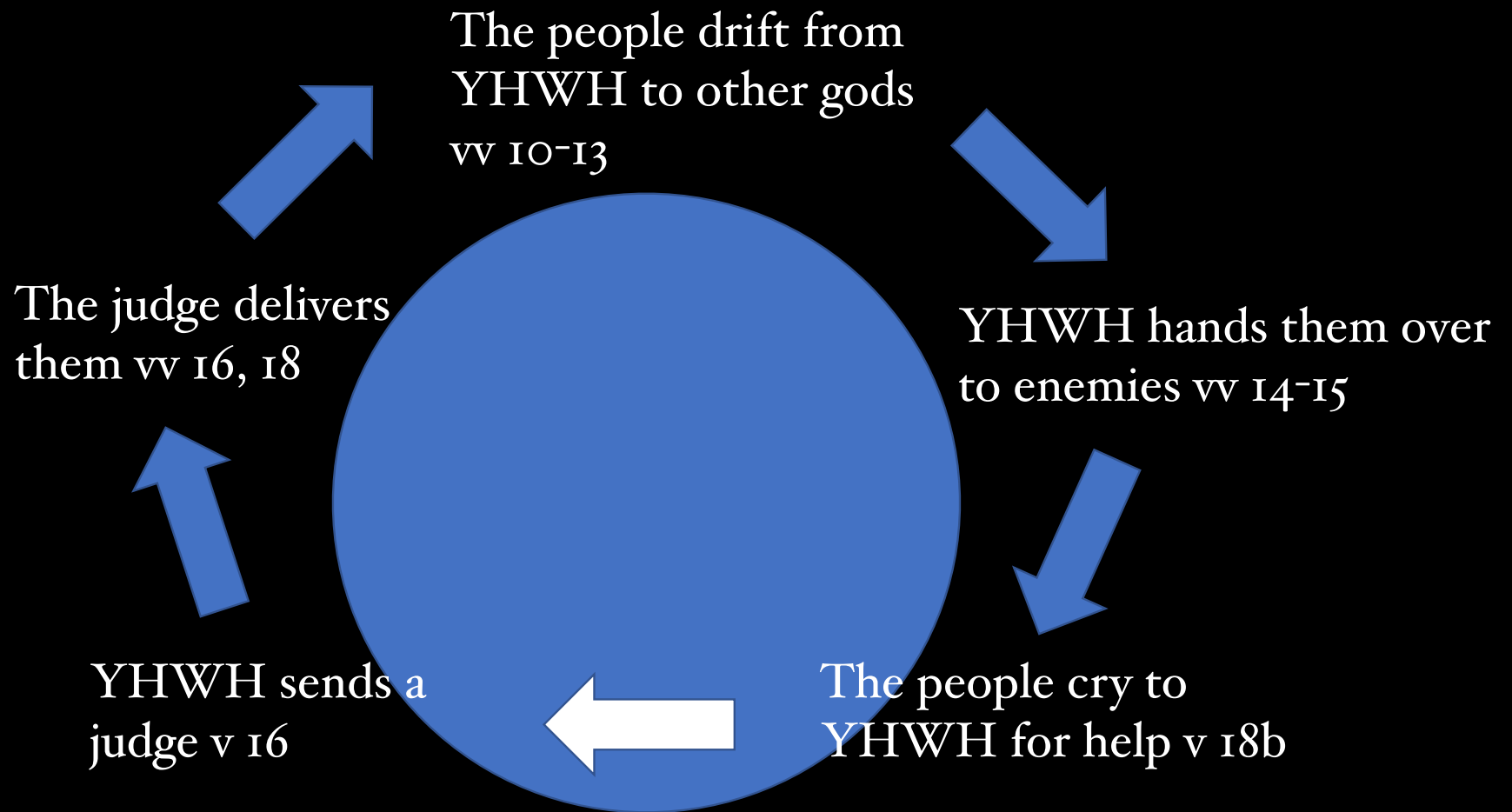
# The Use(s) of Scripture in a Move of God

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# Where we're going

- The danger of 'inherited faith'
- Pentecost and its consequences
- Jonathan Edwards and the First Great Awakening
- Two biblical examples of Scripture's role in revival/renewal



The danger of 'inherited faith': Judges 2:10-19

# Pentecost and its consequences

- the Spirit is poured out Acts 2:1-4
- Jesus is the focus vv 22, 23, 32, 36
- Jesus has been vindicated and attested by God vv 22, 23, 24, 32, 33, 36
- Scripture is fulfilled
  - vv 14-21 = Joel 2:28-32
  - vv 25-28 = Psalm 16:8-11
  - v 31 = Psalm 16:10
  - vv 34-35 Psalm 110:1

# Pentecost and its consequences

- Read Acts 2:42-47
- List the activities and attitudes which flow from the Spirit's coming at Pentecost

# Jonathan Edwards

<https://www.jonathan-edwards.org/Narrative.html>

- revival = ‘an outpouring of the Holy Spirit which restores the people of God to normal spiritual life after a period of corporate decline’ (Richard Lovelace)
- 1734-35 in Northampton, New England
  - flowing from sermons on justification by faith
  - particularly young people: 300+ came to faith in half a year; just 50 over 40 years old
  - six weeks in March and April when four people a day came to faith
  - preceded by many years of prayer

## Jonathan Edwards: criteria for a work of the Spirit of God

- online: <https://www.onthewing.org/user/Edwards%20-%20Distinguishing%20Marks%20of%20the%20Spirit.pdf>
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- exalts Jesus as son of God and saviour of the world
- attacks the kingdom of darkness
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“Hear the word of the Lord,  
you who tremble at his word”

Isaiah 66:5

## Jonathan Edwards: criteria for a work of the Spirit of God

- brings conviction of sin
- exalts Jesus as son of God and saviour of the world
- attacks the kingdom of darkness
- holds the Scriptures in high esteem
- promotes sound (healthy) doctrine
- involves an outpouring of love to God and people

# Two biblical examples

- the reign of king Josiah 2 Kings 22:1-24
- the mission of Nehemiah and Ezra to the returned exiles  
Nehemiah 8
- Ask
  - what role Scripture plays in the renewal of God's people
  - how God's people respond to Scripture
  - prepare a visual to summarise your findings

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