

救いの誘因
—土師記 10章 6～16節—

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ABSTRACT Tetsuo SASAKI, “What Triggers the Deliverance of Israel in the Book of Judges: 10:6-16?”. The cyclic formulas in the Book of Judges on the Israelites’ apostasy and divine deliverance are widely accepted in the commentaries or introductions. In that formula, though the Israelites’ crying or repentance is shown as the trigger of the divine deliverance, it is not definitely described in accounts of judges except Othni-el, Ehud, Deborah, and Gideon. On the other hand the Israelites’ superficial crying and repentance is clearly rejected by the Lord (Judg. 10:13). Only after the Israelites take action—putting away the foreign gods from among them and serving the Lord—does He show mercy towards Israel, which also endorses the legitimacy of Jephthah as a judge (10:16). It also reveals the essential attitude to the Lord required of the Israelites, such as the compliance with the first and the second articles of the Decalogue.