

March 30/Day 89

Congratulations on finishing Joshua and welcome to Judges!

Judges 1

Verses 1-7

- If you just picked up the Bible here and started reading, what could this passage tell you about the historical setting?
- Who would go up to fight after Joshua died? Remember, this is not Judah the man, but Judah the tribe. The person Judah was a patriarch, one of the 12 sons of Jacob (Jacob was later named Israel). So, Jacob's sons are the 12 tribes of Israel. But these men have long since passed away. Now when they are mentioned, the text is referring to the tribe and not the person. Same with Simeon.
- What did they do with Adoni-bezek when they caught him?

Verses 8-10

- What city did Judah capture?

Verses 11-15

- Who was Othniel to Caleb?
- What did he give Achsah?

Verses 16-21

- Jethro or Reuel was Moses' father-in-law. He was Kenite, a nomadic tribe, and he served as priest in Midian.
- His descendants, the Kenites, were always friendly with Israel.
- What does verse 19 say about God and Judah? Do you want God with you when you have an enemy to face?
- What was given to Caleb?
- What did the sons of Benjamin not do?

Verses 22-26

- Do you remember that Abraham built an altar at Bethel?
- Bethel was a crossroads city and trading town. Bethel means "House of God".

Verses 27-28

- What did Manasseh not do?

Verse 29

- What did Ephraim not do?

Verse 30

- What did Zebulun not do?

Verses 31-32

- What did Asher not do?

Verse 33

- What did Naphtali not do?

Verse 34-36

- How did the Amorites bully Dan?
- What did Dan the house of Joseph not do?
- Do you remember God had told them to drive the enemy completely out, not to make covenants with these nations, and not to live among them otherwise they would become a snare or a trap.

Judges 2

Verses 1-5

- An angel is a messenger.
- What message did this angel bring?
- Based on what the angel of the LORD says, who does it seem like He is?
- Has God told them these things before?
- Why did the people weep?

Verses 6-10

- What did the people do as long as Joshua was alive?
- This passage is a summary of the end of the book of Joshua. For review, how old was Joshua when he died?
- What are we told about the next generation? Have you ever thought how quickly new generations could come along who do not know God? What could happen if our next generation doesn't know God? What is our responsibility in this?

Verses 11-15

- What did this generation who did not know God do?
- Why would they turn to these specific gods? Think about your answer.
- Where was the hand of the LORD once the people forsook Him?
- Is there application for us in this?

Verses 16-23

- Who did God raise up for these people?
- What was their purpose?
- In verse 17, with what is their rebellion and disobedience compared?
- Who was with the judges?
- How is God's compassion described in verse 18?
- What would happen when a judge died?
- Do you find it strange that God could be moved to pity yet angry at the same time? Are you a parent?
- Why does God say He would no longer drive out the enemy? Whose responsibility is it to drive out the enemy?

See you tomorrow.