

Judges In Miniature

Judges 2

Introduction

1. Judges 2 is an excellent overview of this historical Old Testament book.
2. Moses was gone, and Joshua (Moses's successor) also died (Judges 1:1).
3. Israel was once again at a cross road. This time there does not appear to have been a clear successor to Joshua.
4. "In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes" (Judges 17:6 & 21:25). This message is a key theme of this book.

I. The Spiritual Setting

- The angel's rebuke (2:1-4; see 1:19, 27-33, 35)
- Israel forsakes God (2:5-11, 13)
- God's anger kindles (2:12, 14, 20)
- The hand of the Lord is against them (2:15)
- The hand of the Lord was also a helping hand (2:16, 18)
- Israel squanders her second chance (2:17)
- The vicious cycle (2:18, 19)
- Israel will be tested (2:22, 23; 3:4)

II. Lessons For Us

- Even when times are tough, God expects us to be faithful. (Going along with that: Even when times are tough, we can be faithful to God.)
- Sin has consequences.
- God cannot ignore sin.
- God does offer mercy upon mercy.
- It is foolish to follow the way that seems right in your own eyes. (We need the Lord!)
- Good leaders can only do so much!

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Othniel	Ehud	Shamgar	Deborah
Barak	Gideon	Abimelech	Tola
Jair	Jephthah	Ibzan	Elon
Abdon	Samson	Eli	Samuel

Note: These are the Judges of Israel. Eli and Samuel, however, are not mentioned in the Book of Judges.