

Judges 2:6-3:11

6 When Joshua had dismissed the people, the sons of Israel

Promised blessing went each to his (inheritance to possess the land).⁷ The

Proper Response people (served) the LORD ¹all the days of Joshua, and ²all the *Faithful under Joshua* days of the elders (who survived Joshua) who had seen ³all *Faithful after Joshua*

Reason for faithfulness the great "work" of the LORD which He had (done) for *Good God... on their behalf*

Israel. 8 Then Joshua the son of Nun, the (servant of the LORD,) *like Moses*

died at the age of one hundred and ten. 9 And they buried

God's cont. blessing him in the territory of (his inheritance) in Timnath-heres, in the

hill country of Ephraim, north of Mount Gaash. ⁴10 All that

The Greatest Gen. Gone generation also were gathered to their fathers; and there

Next Generation arose (another generation) after them who did not "know" *TTT - Know via experience!*

the LORD, nor yet the work which He had (done) for Israel. *No first hand experience*

Ila. Summary Statement 11 Then the sons of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD

Not Yahweh c.f. v.7 and (served) the Baals, 12 and they (forsook) the LORD, the God

served of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of *Unfaithful Generation*

forsook Egypt, and followed other gods from among the gods of the *2.11-3.6*

peoples who were around them, and bowed themselves

down to them; thus they provoked the LORD to anger. 13 So

they (forsook) the LORD and (served) Baal and the Ashtaroht.

Because in relationship 14 The anger of the LORD burned against Israel, and He gave

them into the (hands) of plunderers who plundered them;

From Divine hand of blessing to human hand

and He sold them into the (hands) of their enemies around

them, so that they could no longer stand before their

enemies. 15 Wherever they went, the (hand) of the LORD was

against them for evil, as the LORD had spoken and as the

LORD had sworn to them, so that they were severely distressed.

¹⁶Then the LORD raised up judges who delivered them from the hands of those who plundered them. ¹⁷Yet they did not listen to their judges, for they played the harlot after other gods and bowed themselves down to them. They (turned) aside quickly from the way in which their fathers had walked

Repent of Yahwahism
Not like prev. Gen.

in obeying the commandments of the LORD; they did not do as *their fathers*. ¹⁸When the LORD raised up judges for them, the LORD was with the judge and delivered them from the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge; for the LORD was moved to pity by their groaning because of those who oppressed and afflicted them. ¹⁹But it came about when the judge died, that they would turn back and act more corruptly than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them and bow down to them; they did not abandon their practices or their stubborn ways. ²⁰So the anger of the LORD burned against Israel, and He said, "Because this nation has transgressed My covenant which I commanded their fathers and has not listened to My voice, ²¹I also will (no longer drive) out before them any of the nations which Joshua left when he died, ²²in order to test Israel by them, whether they will

obey My voice, or whether they will not." ²³So the LORD allowed those nations to remain, not driving them out quickly; and He did not give them into the hand of Joshua.

Progressively worse

Discipline

Tests validate or invalidate our perception of commitment to God.

How will we respond?

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In Relationship

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Obedience to Word (keep the way of the LORD to walk) in it as their fathers did, or

not." ²³So the LORD allowed those nations to remain, not driving them out quickly; and He did not give them into the hand of Joshua.

Judges 3

3 Now these are the nations which (the LORD left) to test Israel by them (*that is*, all who had not experienced any of the wars of Canaan; ² only in order that the generations of the sons of Israel might be taught war, those who had not experienced it formerly). ³ These nations are: the five lords of the Philistines and all the Canaanites and the Sidonians and the Hivites who lived in Mount Lebanon, from Mount Baal-hermon as far as Lebo-hamath. ⁴ They were for testing Israel, to find out if they would obey the commandments of the LORD, which He had commanded their fathers through Moses. ⁵ The sons of Israel lived among the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; ⁶ and they took their (daughters) for themselves as wives, and gave their own daughters to their (sons) and served their gods.

Surrounded 

God fights
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Spiritual battle manifested in physical reality. Faithful-deedness equals victory.

Reason for outright Paganism

Example of Faithful Leader

The Double-Wicked Irony

⁷ The sons of Israel did what was (evil) in the sight of the LORD, and forgot the LORD their God and served the Baals and the Asheroth. ⁸ Then the (anger) of the LORD was kindled against Israel, so that He sold them into the hands of Cushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia; and the sons of Israel (served) Cushan-rishathaim eight years. ⁹ When the sons of Israel (cried) to the LORD, the LORD raised up a (delivered) for the sons of Israel to deliver them, Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother. ¹⁰ The Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he judged Israel. When he went out to war, the LORD gave Cushan-rishathaim king

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LORD (7x)

Standard for all Judges

of Mesopotamia into his hand, so that he prevailed over
Cushan-rishathaim. ¹¹Then the land had ^{rest} forty years. And
Othniel the son of Kenaz died.