



**The Othniel  
Cycle - Judges  
1:1 - 3:11**



# Transition in Leadership - 1:1-2

- Joshua died
- Sought guidance
- Judah was to take the lead



# Early Success and Ethical Blunders of Judah - 1:3-20

- Followed the Canaanites in how to treat captives - engaged in cruelty
- Took the hill country but not the valleys



# The Failures of the Remaining Tribes - 1:21-36

- Unfulfilled commitment
- Incomplete obedience
- Compromising tolerance
- They become like the people of the land



# The Spiritual Failures of Israel - 2:1 -3:6

- God's perspective
- God would allow the Canaanites and their gods to be a snare to them
- God has chosen this nation and will not let them disappear





# Othniel the Judge and His Family - 1:12-15

- He was a Kenite adopted into the tribe of Judah
- A hero with a strong woman beside him
- Acsah sought to bless her husband and family



# The Generation That Forgot and Drifted Away

- “knew neither the LORD nor what he had done for Israel”
- They are responsible for their spiritual life
- Wandering from the church can lead to wandering from the faith



# The Idols That Trap

- They become servants of false gods
- Intermarried with the Canaanites
- Ethnic integration resulted in spiritual integration
- The old gods are still here





# The God Who is Angry

- God will not stand by and let other divine competitors snatch his people
- God will not stand by and accept his own people serving other gods



# The Saviour Who is Desperately Needed

- Judges = Saviours
- Othniel = the time of God
- Othniel is a type of Jesus Christ, who came in God's own timing, possessed the Holy Spirit, and defeated sin and death

