

The Dangers of Third Generation Religion
Evening Message

Will you turn please to Judges chapter 2, one of the most prophetic chapters of the Old Testament. I'd like to read several verses, at least down to the thirteenth verse in the second chapter of the book of Judges. May I remind us that what we find here is for our instruction. These things are written to be examples for our warning, of our teaching, for our encouragement. So find yourself in this portion. Do not allow the historical facts to cloud the personal application.

And an angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I swear unto your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you. ² And ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall throw down their altars: but ye have not obeyed my voice: why have ye done this? ³ Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be as thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you. ⁴ And it came to pass, when the angel of the LORD spake these words unto all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept. ⁵ And they called the name of that place Bochim: and they sacrificed there unto the LORD. ⁶ And when Joshua had let the people go, the children of Israel went every man unto his inheritance to possess the land. ⁷ And the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the LORD, that he did for Israel. ⁸ And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, being an hundred and ten years old. ⁹ And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnathheres, in the mount of Ephraim, on the north side of the hill Gaash. ¹⁰ And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the LORD, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel. ¹¹ And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served Baalim: ¹² And they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the LORD to anger. ¹³ And they forsook the LORD, and served Baal and Ashtaroth. ¹⁴ And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them, and he sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies. ¹⁵ Whithersoever they went out, the hand of the LORD was against them for evil, as the LORD had said, and as the LORD had sworn unto them: and they were greatly distressed. (03:35)

The Tragedy of Third Generation Religion. Joshua out live a generation that had escaped Egypt, refused to be the vehicle of God the bless intended. You remember that God said to Abraham who was residing in Ur of the Chaldees, an idolatrous nation. "Get thee up from thy kindred, from thy father's house and I will make of thee a great nation." (Gen. 12:1,2) (04:08)

God wanted to do a new thing. He wanted a witness. He wanted a testimony. And that witness and testimony began with a man. A man who dared to believe Him. A man who dared to obey Him. A man who count it all that he **posited** had achieved accrued being of no value, in terms of that which God held before him as a prospect of his service for the Lord God. We see Abraham as he journeyed from Ur of the Chaldees out into that unknown future, walking by faith, becoming thus the father of the faithful our faith people. This new thing began with a baby. A baby that had been named years before his birth. A baby that had been **promised (4:54)**

(05:02) A baby which was already named. Abraham and all the Jehovah rested. You'll recall that at the age of 17, God said to Abram, "Take your son to a place I will show you and sacrifice him there." remember that Abram will We will come again he ask his son be not afraid

(06:02) God had seen in Isaac He looked at his father His father it was through death and resurrection children of Jacob

(07:06) this nation that people that will be a witness they have been slaves in Egypt God proved His power across the red Sea you would say that they draw back and refused to follow the Lord

(08:02) They in other words the witness that He asked that generation had no part he and Caleb plan listen to the text and again

(09:00) What was God's purpose obey Him service Him in the people Israel Shall all the Understand then the God's a royal priest by means

(10:09) when we were equally vile God wanted Israel to be as well as testimony what were the religion message of the evening

(11:02) worship of Baal the worship of Ashtoreth and Nimrod was a mighty hunter before the Lord it pictures a man open revolt against God

(11:52) Noah the tower of babel was the Nimrod's own mother the deification of woman God confused the language

(13:00) Ashtoreth first form religion because of the economy a license to a disturbers to give license the worship of Baal the second form of idolatry

(13:58) that of the worship Baal it refers to a part Baal of not referring to a particular every town had its Baal.

(15:05) had to be worshiped before he planted his field to ensure a good crop the worship the procuring of things

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