

- iv. The elders who ~~put~~lived him did the same thing.
- v. But when that generation died off, we are told that another generation came on the scene (2:10) and this generation turned away from the Lord.
- 7. And we have a brief survey there in chapter 2 of what would happen again and again:
  - i. Relapse into idolatry
  - ii. Retribution from the Lord
  - iii. Repentance of the people of Israel
  - iv. Rescuer raised up by the Lord - a judge who will deliver them from the ones who are oppressing them (Rescue)
- 8. We is going to go on again and again and each time Israel relapses into idolatry, it is going to be worse than the previous time and as a result of that the Lord says that he is not going to drive the Canaanites out of the land.
- 9. He is going to leave them right there in the land to test Israel to see whether or not they will serve him.
- 10. And we have, at the end of chapter 2, the Canaanites that the Lord left in the land.

### C. Othniel (3:5-11) - Mesopotamia

- 1. In chapter 3, you start the cycle with the judges.
- 2. You start of chapter 3, with a relapse into idolatry.
- 3. When they commit idolatry, the Lord is going to bring retribution.
  - i. The Lord raises up the king of Mesopotamia to punish Israel.
  - ii. He oppresses Israel for 8 years.
- 4. After he oppressed Israel, Israel cries unto the Lord for deliverance and repent.
- 5. When they repent and cry unto the Lord for deliverance, the Lord raises up a deliverer in the person of Othniel (3:9).
- 6. Othniel was Caleb's younger brother and the Lord raised him up and delivered the people of Israel from oppression by the king of Mesopotamia.
- 7. For 40 years, he judges Israel and during that time, Israel served the Lord.
- 8. But then Othniel dies and the cycle starts again.