

In The Days When The Judges Ruled

Lesson 3

The "Second Introduction" Israel Begins Serving The Baals Judg. 2

Introduction

Judg. 2:1-5 is the conclusion to the 1st introduction (*God's decision re: Israel's failures*). Judg. 2:6 – 3:6 is the book's 2nd introduction. It is not a follow-up to the 1st introduction, but rather a parallel:

- both begin with the death of Joshua (1:1; 2:8)
- both conclude with God's decision to not drive out the Canaanites because of Israel's unfaithfulness (2:3; 2:21-22; 3:1-4)

- 1) How do vv. 1-5 conclude the failures listed toward the end of the previous chapter? (1:27-36)
How do these same verses reflect the Lord's attitude toward Israel's failures?

- 2) What "review" is found in vv. 6-9? (Josh. 24:29-31) What do these verses testify re: the reason for Israel's faithfulness?

- 3) Though not stated, what failure(s) are implied in v. 10? Where else does the Scripture emphasize the importance of teaching & learning re: our children?

- 4) How did Israel fill her "spiritual emptiness?" (vv. 11-13) Research: find out what you can about the Baals.

