

Sermon Notes: Judges 3:7-11

“Othniel, the Lion of God”

I. Intro

- A. If we could be heroes cont.
- B. Real weapons

II. Context

- A. The Cycle
 - Rebellion, Retribution, Repentance, Restoration, Rest
- B. Chaistic structure of the Book of Judges – On Back
- C. Two Marriages– vs. 5-7
 - 1. Joe Israelite and Susie Sweet cheeks Canaanite – Joshua 23:10-13
 - 2. Baal and the Groves -Gene Simmons?

III. Othniel, the Lion of God

- A. Retribution – vs. 8
 - 1. burning nostrils
 - 2. Chushanrishathaim
- B. Enter the Lion – vs. 9,10
 - 1. לַיּוֹן – blowout
 - 2. The Lion of the tribe of Judah – Revelation 5:4,5
 - 3. Othniel and Achsah

IV. Application

- A. God’s weapons
 - 1. Marriage as warfare – 2 Corinthians 10:4,5
 - 2. Marriage as victory – Isaiah 61, 62, Revelation 19, 21
- B. Your Marriage a weapon
 - 1. Do something
 - 2. The world’s answer
 - 3. Be an expert soldier.

Structure of the book of Judges:

I. Two introductions to the book of Judges

A. Failure of Israel to complete the conquest (1:1 – 2:5)

B. Failure of Israel to remain faithful to Yahweh (2:6 – 3:6)

II. Seven cycles (3:7 – 16:31)

A. Othniel (3:7-11)

B. Ehud (3:12 – 30)

C. Deborah and Barak (4:1 – 5:31)

D. Gideon (6:1 – 8:32) – Turning point

C'. Abimelech (8:33 – 9:57)

B'. Jephthah (10:6 – 12:7)

A'. Samson (13:1 – 16:31)

III. Two Epilogues

D. Levites failure to guard worship (17-18)

E. Levites failure to guard morality (19-21)