

## PASSING THE TEST

Judges 2:11-3:6

BIG IDEA: God tested Israel and Israel failed.

## God Tested

1) God left nations in the Promised Land.

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2) God left the nations to test Israel.

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Deuteronomy 6 & 7

## God Tested

- ▶ A land flowing with milk and honey (v.3)
- ▶ Great and good cities they didn't build (v. 10)
- ▶ Houses full of good things they did not fill (v. 11)
- ▶ Cisterns they did not dig (v. 11)
- ▶ Vineyards and olive trees they did not plant (v. 11)
- ▶ Things will go well for you and your enemies will be thrust out before you... (v. 18)
- ▶ They would be righteous. (v. 25)

## God Tested

- ▶ God would keep covenant with them. (7:12)
  - ▶ ...keep steadfast love with them...
  - ▶ God would love them, bless them, and multiply them...
- ▶ They would be VERY fertile... (7:13-14)
- ▶ Disease free (7:15)
- ▶ And victory!!! (7:16)

## God Tested

### ▶ Are you faithful to God? (vv. 14-15)

- ▶ i.e., don't go after other gods, bow down to them and serve them, etc...
- ▶ i.e., destroy false centers of worship and cut down idols and break down false altars (7:5)

## God Tested

### ▶ Do you obey God? (vv. 16-18)

- ▶ i.e., obey the Mosaic covenant and do what is right in God's eyes...

## God Tested

### ▶ Are you holy unto the LORD? (7:6-11)

- ▶ Destroy those who are devoted to destruction (7:2)
- ▶ Don't make covenants with them/show mercy to them (7:2)
- ▶ Don't intermarry (7:3)
  - ▶ i.e., giving your daughters and taking their daughters...

## God Tested

Where else have we seen this?

## Israel Failed

- ▶ Did evil in God's sight (2:11)
- ▶ Served/worshipped other gods (2:11)
- ▶ Abandoned the LORD (2:12)
- ▶ Went after other gods (2:12)
- ▶ Bowed down to other gods (2:12)
- ▶ Provoked the LORD to anger (2:12)
- ▶ Abandoned the LORD (2:13)
- ▶ Served other gods (2:13)

## Israel Failed

- ▶ Did not listen to their judges (2:17)
- ▶ Whored after other gods (2:17)
- ▶ Bowed down to other gods (2:17)
- ▶ Turned aside from the way (2:17)
- ▶ Did not obey (2:17)

## Israel Failed

- ▶ Turned back (to evil) (2:19)
- ▶ Were more corrupt (with each successive generation) (2:19)
  - ▶ Going after other gods (2:19)
  - ▶ Serving them (2:19)
  - ▶ Bowing down to them (2:19)
- ▶ Did not drop any of their practices or their stubborn ways (2:19)

## Israel Failed

- ▶ Transgressed God's covenant (2:20)
- ▶ Did not obey God's commands (2:20)
- ▶ Lived among the nations (3:5)
- ▶ Intermarried (3:6)
- ▶ Served their gods (3:6)

## Israel Failed

### ▶ Their Report Card

#### ▶ Faithfulness to God

- ▶ Deuteronomy 6&7: don't go after other gods, bow down to them and serve them; destroy false centers of worship and cut down idols and break down altars
- ▶ Served other gods – x 4
- ▶ Went after/whored after other gods/abandoned the LORD – x 5
- ▶ Bowed down to other gods – x 3

## Israel Failed

### ▶ Their Report Card

#### ▶ Obedience to God

- ▶ Deuteronomy: obey the Mosaic covenant and do what is right in God's eyes...
- ▶ Did evil in the sight of the LORD – x 1 (also 3:7, 12; 4:1, etc...)
- ▶ Transgressed God's covenant – x 1
- ▶ Turned aside from the way /turned back to evil – 1 each
- ▶ Did not obey – x 2

## Israel Failed

### ▶ Their Report Card

#### ▶ Holiness to God

- ▶ Deuteronomy: don't make covenant/show mercy to the nations; destroy those devoted to destruction; don't intermarry, giving your daughters and taking their daughters (Deut. 7:2, 3)
- ▶ Israel lived among them, intermarried with them, and served their gods... (3:5-6)

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

Israel Suffered

▶ Judges 2:14-15, 21

God Saved

▶ Judges 2:16, 18

God Saved

▶ What God did in a typological, temporal way for corporate Israel, God did actually and substantially for the Church...

Jesus Passed the Test