

Supplement

PARALLELING OF THE INTRODUCTION AND EPILOGUE OF JUDGES

INTRODUCTION

Introduction, Pt. I (1:1—2:5)

- (a) “the Israelites asked of the Lord, saying, ‘Who shall go up for us first against them? And the LORD said, Judah shall go up” (1:1-2)
- (b) the story of how Othniel got his wife (1:11-15)
- (c) the Benjaminites fail to drive out the Jebusites from Jebus (1:21)
- (d) Bochim: God’s covenant, Israel’s unlawful covenants with the Canaanites; Israel weeping before the Angel of the LORD (2:1-5)

Introduction, Pt. II (2:6—3:6)

the degeneration of the generation after the death of Joshua (2:6-19); God leaves certain nations “to prove Israel ... whether they would obey the commandments ... which he commanded ... by Moses” (2:20—3:4)

EPILOGUE

Epilogue, Pt. II (19:1—21:25)

- (a) “the Israelites ... asked of God ... Who shall go up for us first to battle against the Benjaminites? And the Lord said, Judah ...” (20:18)
- (b) the story of how the remainder of Benjamin got their wives (21:1-25)
- (c) a Levite carefully avoiding the Jebusites in Jebus, suffers terrible outrage in Gibeah of Benjamin (19:1-30)
- (d) Bethel: the ark of the covenant of God; Israel weeps and fasts before the LORD (20:26-29)

Epilogue, Pt. II (17:1—18:31)

a mother dedicates silver to the Lord for her son to make an idol! That son makes one of his own sons a priest in his idolatrous shrine; Moses’ grandson and his sons become priests at Dan’s shrine