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## God's Plan of Grace and Mercy (Judges 1-2)

### I. Continuing Conquest of Canaan After Joshua (Judges 1:1-36)

#### A. Judah takes the lead (vv. 1-7)

1. Israel consulted the Lord after Joshua died ( v. 1)
2. Judah was chosen by the Lord to lead the nation into the land (v. 2)
3. With the help of Simeon, Judah began the campaign (v. 3)
4. Adoni-Bezek is defeated and mutilated (vv. 4-7)
  - a. Noble and courteous men of Abraham's time
    - i. Aner, Eshcol and Mamre (Gen. 14)
    - ii. Ephram the Hittite (Gen. 23)
    - iii. Abimelech, king of Gerar (Gen. 20)
    - iv. Melchizedek (Gen. 14:18, Heb. 6-7)
  - b. Over 400 years later
    - i. Idolatry has severely corrupted the land of Canaan
    - ii. Israel is used by God to execute judgment on these heathen nations

#### B. Victories and failures in taking the land (vv. 8-36)

### II. Israel's Disobedience and God's Faithfulness (Judges 2:1-23)

#### A. The Lord's rebuke of Israel (vv. 1-5)

1. Angel of the Lord delivers the message (vv. 1-3)

- a. He comes from Gilgal to Bochim, or “weeping” (v. 1)
  - b. He tells Israel they had disobeyed God’s commands (v. 2)
  - c. He passes judgment on Israel (v. 3)
- 2. Israel responds with repentance and worship (vv. 4-5)
- B. Recap of the death of Joshua (vv. 6-10)
- C. The unfaithfulness of Israel (vv. 11-15)
  - 1. They served the false gods of the inhabitants of Canaan
  - 2. They abandoned the Lord
  - 3. The Lord’s anger was kindled against Israel (v. 14)
- D. The Lord raises up judges (vv. 16-23)
  - 1. Repeating cycle
    - a. Israel would rebel against God
    - b. God would send suffering through an oppressor
    - c. Israel would repent
    - b. God would save them from their enemies through a judge
  - 2. Increasing corruption after the death of each judge

Applications:

- 1. Israel needed something more than a human judge
- 2. Israel needed something more than a human king
- 3. So do we! Jesus Christ is our perfect prophet, our final high priest, our righteous judge, and the king of all kings.