

An Introduction to Judges **Judges 1:1-20**

A mutilation that ruins otherwise great victories, 1-10

Recall Josh. 10:25. Compare Adoni-bezek's response to his treatment to the response by Gideon in 6:13. How are they so different?

A marriage that you can feel good about, 11-15

*Note I Chron. 11:6, where David also offers a prize for taking a city.

*What does this episode tell us about Caleb, Othniel, and Achsah?
Compare this early marriage to those in 21:8ff. and to 3:6, 16:5ff.

*It's impressive that Caleb was Kenizzite, Josh 14:6, 14.

A major campaign that goes well but ultimately fails, 16-20

*The Kenites (16), were given land for earlier help, Num. 10:29-32.

*Why can't iron chariots be the sole reason for this failure? See in Josh. 11:4-9, 17:16-18. Things really start going downhill from here.

*The victory in v.10 over the giant sons of Anak (Dt. 9:2) is clarified here in v.20 as being led by Caleb himself, which made Hebron his.

