

New Gods for a New Generation 2:6-3:6

A new generation that doesn't know God, 2:6-10

- ◆ This begins a second introduction that is a flashback to Josh. 24:28
- ◆ Ch. 2 offers theological reflection on the tribal failures listed in ch. 1, and in so doing it gives an ugly preview of the book.

A monotonous downward cycle of forsaking God, 2:11-3:4

- ◆ The worship of Canaanite gods, Baal and Ashtaroth (2:17, 3:7, 8:33, 10:6,10) starts this cycle. Canaanites were marked for destruction for their extreme wickedness, Dt. 9:4ff., 18:9-12, 20:16-18, Lv. 18:21-25.



Remember
Js. 4:4,5,
I Cor.15:33

- ◆ God's response:

“anger,” (4x)

opposed His own people

delivered His people but stopped driving out the Canaanites

used Canaanites to “test” (3x) Israel and teach them war

A summary of the sins that turned Israel against God, 3:5,6

- ◆ Israel's idolatry is reiterated along with two of the reasons they so easily went after new gods: 1) settling down to live with the Canaanites, 2) intermarriage, and thus a covenant with them.
- ◆ Intermarriage warnings: Ex. 34:14-16, Dt. 7:3,4, and recall story in Num. 25:1ff.. NT warnings: I Cor. 15:33, II Cor. 6:14-18, Js. 4:4,5