

Judge of Israel

Othniel עֹתְנִיאל

Means: *Lion of God or God is Powerful*



Date & Location

Approximately 1350-1310 BC. His story begins with the city of Debir, which is said to be southwest of Hebron.

Tribe & Family

From the tribe of Judah.

Othniel was the son of Kenaz and younger brother of Caleb. His wife Achsah was given to him as an award for capturing Kiriath-sepher also known as Debir. (Josh. 15:15-19; Judg. 1:11-15)

Accomplishments

- 🐞 He was the first judge of Israel.
- 🐞 He captured the powerful Canaanite city of Kiriath-sepher.
- 🐞 Delivered Israel from King Chushan-rishathaim of Mesopotamia.

Key Verses

But when the Israelites cried out to the Lord [for help], the Lord raised up a man to rescue the people of Israel, Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother. 10 The Spirit of the Lord came upon him, and he judged Israel. He went out to war, and the Lord gave Cushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand, and he prevailed over Cushan-rishathaim.

Judges 3:9-10 AMP

Read His Story

Joshua 15:15-19
Judges. 1:11-15
Judges. 3:9-14

Years of Peace

- 🐞 Othniel brought 40 years of peace to Israel.

