

**~OTHNIEL (126)**  
**(Oth'ni-el)**

- The first-named judge of Israel after Joshua. **Othniel** was the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother.
- And **Othniel** the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, got to capture it. For that he gave him Achsah his daughter as a wife. (**Judges 1:13**)
- And the sons of Israel began to call to Yehowah for aid. Then Yehowah raised a savior up for the sons of Israel that he might save them, **Othniel** the son of Kenaz, the younger brother of Caleb. (**Judges 3:9**)
- At that **Othniel** the son of Kenaz, Caleb's brother, captured it. Accordingly he gave him Achsah his daughter as a wife. (**Joshua 15:17**)
- While this grammatical structure allows for either **Othniel** or Kenaz to be Caleb's younger brother, to harmonize with other texts Othniel must be viewed as Caleb's nephew, the son of Caleb's brother Kenaz. Thus certain translations read; **Othniel**, the son of Caleb's younger brother, Kenaz. **AT, Mo**
- Additionally, Caleb was the son of Jephunneh, hence not a son of Kenaz as was **Othniel**.
- Except Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite and Joshua the son of Nun, because they have followed Yehowah wholly. (**Numbers 32:12**)
- And the sons of Caleb the son of Jephunneh were Iru, Elah and Naam, and the sons of Elah, Kenaz. (**1 Chronicles 4:15**)
- **Othniel's** marriage to Achsah the daughter of Caleb came as a result of his victory over the Canaanite stronghold of Debir. Achsah's father Caleb had promised her to the conqueror of the city.
- And Caleb proceeded to say; Whoever strikes Kiriath-sepher and does capture it, I shall certainly give him Achsah my daughter as a wife. (**Joshua 15:16**)

- At that **Othniel** the son of Kenaz, Caleb's brother, captured it. Accordingly he gave him Achsah his daughter as a wife. (**Joshua 15:17**)
- And it came about that when she was going home, she kept inciting him to ask a field from her father. Then she clapped her hands while upon the ass. At this Caleb said to her; What do you want? (**Joshua 15:18**)
- So she said; Do give me a blessing, for it is a piece of land to the south you have given me, and you must give me Gulloth-maim. Accordingly he gave her Upper Gulloth and Lower Gulloth. (**Joshua 15:19**)
- And they marched on from there against the inhabitants of Debir. Now the name of Debir before that was Kiriath-sepher. (**Judges 1:11**)
- Then Caleb said; Whoever strikes Kiriath-sepher and does capture it, why, I will give him Achsah my daughter as a wife. (**Judges 1:12**)
- And **Othniel** the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, got to capture it. For that he gave him Achsah his daughter as a wife. (**Judges 1:13**)
- And it came about that while she was going home, she kept inciting him to ask a field from her father. Then she clapped her hands while upon the ass. At this Caleb said to her; What do you want? (**Judges 1:14**)
- So she said to him; Do grant me a blessing, for it is a southern piece of land you have given me, and you must give me Gulloth-maim. Accordingly Caleb gave her Upper Gulloth and Lower Gulloth. (**Judges 1:15**)
- **Othniel** had a son named Hathath and established a permanent family in the tribe of Judah. Years later a descendant was chosen from this family to head a service group of 24,000 during David's reign.
- And the sons of Kenaz were **Othniel** and Seraiah, and the sons of **Othniel**, Hathath. (**1 Chronicles 4:13**)

- As for the sons of Israel by their number, the heads of the paternal houses and the chiefs of the thousands and of the hundreds and their officers that were ministering to the king in every matter of the divisions of those that came in and that went out month by month for all the months of the year, each division was twenty-four thousand. (**1 Chronicles 27:1**)
- The twelfth for the twelfth month was Heldai the Netophathite, of **Othniel**, and in his division there were twenty-four thousand. (**1 Chronicles 27:15**)
- Israel's first oppression by foreign kings due to disobedience lasted for eight years. When they began to call to Yehowah for aid, He raised up **Othniel** to deliver them. With Yehowah's spirit upon him, **Othniel** defeated Cushan-rishathaim, the king of Syria, and took general oversight and rendered judicial decisions among his brothers.
- At this Yehowah's anger blazed against Israel, so that he sold them into the hand of Cushan-rishathaim the king of Mesopotamia, and the sons of Israel continued to serve Cushan-rishathaim eight years. (**Judges 3:8**)
- And the sons of Israel began to call to Yehowah for aid. Then Yehowah raised a savior up for the sons of Israel that he might save them, **Othniel** the son of Kenaz, the younger brother of Caleb. (**Judges 3:9**)
- The spirit of Yehowah now came upon him, and he became the judge of Israel. When he went out to battle, then Yehowah gave Cushan-rishathaim the king of Syria into his hand so that his hand overpowered Cushan-rishathaim. (**Judges 3:10**)
- After that the land had no disturbance for forty years. Eventually **Othniel** the son of Kenaz died. (**Judges 3:11**)