

# DAILY READING

## 2026 NEW TESTAMENT READING **ACTS 13:26-52**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL READING PLAN

### **JUDGES 3:1-11**

**3** These are the nations the Lord left in order to test all those in Israel who had experienced none of the wars in Canaan. **2** This was to teach the future generations of the Israelites how to fight in battle, especially those who had not fought before. **3** These nations included the five rulers of the Philistines and all of the Canaanites, the Sidonians, and the Hivites who lived in the Lebanese mountains from Mount Baal-hermon as far as the entrance to Hamath. **4** The Lord left them to test Israel, to determine if they would keep the Lord's commands he had given their fathers through Moses. **5** But they settled among the Canaanites, Hethites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites. **6** The Israelites took their daughters as wives for themselves, gave their own daughters to their sons, and worshiped their gods.

### **OTHNIEL, THE FIRST JUDGE**

**7** The Israelites did what was evil in the Lord's sight; they forgot the Lord their God and worshiped the Baals and the Asherahs. **8** The Lord's anger burned against Israel, and he sold them to King Cushan-rishathaim of

Aram-naharaim,<sup>o</sup> and the Israelites served him eight years.

<sup>9</sup> The Israelites cried out to the Lord. So the Lord raised up Othniel son of Kenaz, Caleb's youngest brother, as a deliverer to save the Israelites. <sup>10</sup> The Spirit of the Lord came on him, and he judged Israel. Othniel went out to battle, and the Lord handed over King Cushan-rishathaim of Aram to him, so that Othniel overpowered him. <sup>11</sup> Then the land had peace for forty years, and Othniel son of Kenaz died.