

# JUDGES 3 vs 1

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The author of this book is uncertain, some suggest Samuel, the high priest. It was written around 1050-1000bc. The events in the book cover the stormy period of the history of Israel between their return from Egypt until the time a monarchy was set in place. The judges were military and civil leaders during the confederacy of the 12 tribes plus Ephraim and Manasseh who occupied the land promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

## The Book of Judges



The Spiritual background and history of the judges,

**<sup>1</sup> Now these are the nations which the LORD left, to test Israel by them, that is as many of Israel as had not known any of the wars of Canaan;**

**<sup>2</sup> only in order that the generations of the children of Israel might be taught to battle,** at the least those who previously knew nothing of it;

**<sup>3</sup> namely, the five lords of the Philistines, and all the Canaanites, and the Sidonians, and the Hivites who lived in Mount Lebanon, from Mount Baal-hermon as far as Lebo-hamath.**

**<sup>4</sup> And they were for testing Israel, to know if they would listen to the instructions of the LORD, that He instructed their fathers through Moses.**

**<sup>5</sup> And the children of Israel lived among the Canaanites, Hittites, and Amorites, and Perizzites, and Hivites, and Jebusites:**

**<sup>6</sup> and they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons, and served their gods.**

**<sup>7</sup> And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD,** and forgot the LORD their God, and served the Baals and the Asheroth.

**<sup>8</sup> Then the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and He sold them into the hand of Cushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia: and the children of Israel served Cushan-rishathaim eight years.**

**<sup>9</sup> And when the children of Israel cried out to the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer to the children of Israel, who delivered them, even Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother.**

**<sup>10</sup> And the Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he judged Israel, and went out to war: and the LORD delivered Cushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand; so that he prevailed over Cushan-rishathaim.**

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**<sup>11</sup> And the land had rest forty years. And Othniel the son of Kenaz died.**

Moabite oppression and deliverance by Ehud,

**<sup>12</sup> And again the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD strengthened Eglon the king of Moab against Israel, because they had done evil in the sight of the LORD.**

**<sup>13</sup> And he gathered to himself the children of Ammon and Amalek, and he went and defeated Israel, and possessed the city of the palm trees.**

**<sup>14</sup> So the children of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years.**

**<sup>15</sup> But when the children of Israel cried out to the LORD, the LORD raised up for them a deliverer, Ehud the son of Gera, a Benjamite, a left-handed man. And the children of Israel sent tribute to Eglon the king of Moab.**

**<sup>16</sup> But Ehud made himself a double-edged dagger, a cubit in length; which he wore strapped to his right thigh, under his cloak.**

**<sup>17</sup> And he brought the tribute to Eglon king of Moab: and Eglon was a very fat man.**

**<sup>18</sup> And when he finished presenting the tribute, he sent away the people who brought the tribute.**

**<sup>19</sup> But he himself turned back from the idols which were at Gilgal, and said, I have a secret message for you, O king. And he said, Keep silence. And all who attended him left him.**

**<sup>20</sup> And Ehud came to him, as he sat alone in his summer roof chamber. And Ehud said, I have a message from God for you. And he arose from his seat.**

**<sup>21</sup> And Ehud stretched out his left hand, and took the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly:**

**<sup>22</sup> and the hilt also went in after the blade; and the fat closed upon the blade, so that he could not draw the dagger out of his belly; and the refuse came out.**

**<sup>23</sup> Then Ehud went through the porch, and shut the doors of the chamber behind him, and locked them.**

**<sup>24</sup> When he had gone out, the servants came; and saw that indeed, the doors of the chamber were locked; and they said,**

**Surely he is only relieving himself in his summer chamber.**

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<sup>25</sup> And they waited until they were anxious: and indeed, he still did not open the doors of the chamber; so they took a key, and opened them: and, behold, their master was fallen down on the floor dead.

<sup>26</sup> Now while they were waiting, Ehud fled and passed by the idols, escaping to Seirah.

<sup>27</sup> And it happened, when he arrived, that he blew a trumpet in the hill country of Ephraim, and the children of Israel went down with him from the hill, and he was in front of them.

<sup>28</sup> And he said to them, Follow after me: for the LORD has delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand. So they went down after him, and seized the fords of the Jordan toward Moab, and did not allow anyone to cross over.

<sup>29</sup> And there, at that time they killed about 10,000 men of Moab, all hearty men of valour; and not a man escaped.

<sup>30</sup> So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land had rest for eighty years.

<sup>31</sup> And after him came Shamgar the son of Anath, who killed 600 Philistines with an oxgoad: and he also delivered Israel.

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