

Judges 3:12-31 **Ehud the Judge delivered Israel from Eglon of Moab – Followed by Shamgar**

Israel sinned – Eglon of Moab oppressed them 18 years

12 And the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD. So the LORD strengthened Eglon king of Moab against Israel, because they had done evil in the sight of the LORD. 13 Then he gathered to himself the people of Ammon and Amalek, went and defeated Israel, and took possession of the City of Palms. 14 So the children of Israel served Eglon king of Moab eighteen years.

Ehud, Judge to deliver Israel

15 But when the children of Israel cried out to the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer for them: Ehud the son of Gera, the Benjamite, a left-handed man. By him the children of Israel sent tribute to Eglon king of Moab. 16 Now Ehud made himself a dagger (it was double-edged and a cubit in length) and fastened it under his clothes on his right thigh. 17 So he brought the tribute to Eglon king of Moab. (Now Eglon was a very fat man.) 18 And when he had finished presenting the tribute, he sent away the people who had carried the tribute. 19 But he himself turned back from the stone images that were at Gilgal, and said, "I have a secret message for you, O king." He said, "Keep silence!" And all who attended him went out from him. 20 And Ehud came to him (now he was sitting upstairs in his cool private chamber). Then Ehud said, "I have a message from God for you." So he arose from his seat. 21 Then Ehud reached with his left hand, took the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly. 22 Even the hilt went in after the blade, and the fat closed over the blade, for he did not draw the dagger out of his belly; and his entrails came out. 23 Then Ehud went out through the porch and shut the doors of the upper room behind him and locked them.

24 When he had gone out, Eglon's servants came to look, and to their surprise, the doors of the upper room were locked. So they said, "He is probably attending to his needs in the cool chamber." 25 So they waited till they were embarrassed, and still he had not opened the doors of the upper room. Therefore they took the key and opened them. And there was their master, fallen dead on the floor.

Ehud escaped – Moab defeated – Eighty years peace

26 But Ehud escaped while they delayed, and passed beyond the stone images and escaped to Seirah. 27 And it happened, when he arrived, that he blew the trumpet in the mountains of Ephraim, and the children of Israel went down with him from the mountains; and he led them. 28 Then he said to them, "Follow me, for the LORD has delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand." So they went down after him, seized the fords of the Jordan leading to Moab, and did not allow anyone to cross over. 29 And at that time they killed about ten thousand men of Moab, all stout men of valor; not a man escaped. 30 So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land had rest for eighty years.

Shamgar next Judge

31 After him was Shamgar the son of Anath, who killed six hundred men of the Philistines with an ox goad; and he also delivered Israel. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

Israel sinned – Eglon of Moab oppressed them 18 years

- ✧ When Othniel the nephew of Caleb was dead, The Children of Israel again did evil in the sight of Yehowah. [Judges 3:12]

As the Scripture said:
Judges 2:19

19 And it came to pass, **when the judge was dead, that they reverted and behaved more corruptly than their fathers, by following other gods, to serve them and bow down to them. They did not cease from their own doings nor from their stubborn way.** NKJV

✧ Yehowah used other nations to punish His people for their sins, in this case He used Eglon of **Moab** against Israel. [Judges 3:12]

✧ Eglon gathered to himself the people of **Ammon** and **Amalek**, went and defeated Israel, and took possession of the City of Palms. [Judges 3:13]

✧ So the children of Israel served Eglon king of Moab eighteen years. [Judges 3:14]

Ehud, chosen as Judge to deliver Israel [Judges 3:15-25]

✧ But **when the children of Israel cried out to the LORD**, Yehowah raised up a deliverer for them: Ehud the son of Gera, the Benjamite, a left-handed man. By him the children of Israel sent tribute to Eglon king of Moab.

✧ Ehud made a double edged dagger 18 inches long which he hid under his clothing.

✧ Ehud brought the tribute of Israel to Eglon king of Moab.

✧ After presenting the tribute of Israel, Ehud went out with the Israelites who accompanied him with the tribute, but turned back from the images at Gilgal and said to Eglon, king of Moab, "I have a secret for you O king."

✧ Eglon said, "Keep silent." So all the Moabites who served him went out.

✧ Ehud came to Eglon and Eglon rose up from his seat.

✧ Using his left hand, Ehud drove the dagger into the belly of Eglon so the hilt disappeared under the fat around his belly.

✧ Ehud shut the doors and locked them as he went out and made his escape through the Porch.

✧ When he had gone out, Eglon's servants came to look, and to their surprise, the doors of the upper room were locked. So they said, "He is probably attending to his needs in the cool chamber."

✧ So they waited till they were embarrassed, and still he had not opened the doors of the upper room. Therefore they took the key and opened them. And there was their master, fallen dead on the floor.

Ehud escaped – Moab defeated – Eighty years peace [Judges 3:26-30]

✧ But Ehud escaped while they delayed, and passed beyond the stone images and escaped to Seirah. [Judges 3:26]

✧ And it happened, when he arrived, that he blew the trumpet in the mountains of Ephraim, and the children of Israel went down with him from the mountains; and he led them. Then he said to them, "Follow me, for the LORD has delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand." [Judges 3:27-28]

✧ So they went down after him, seized the fords of the Jordan leading to Moab, and did not allow anyone to cross over. And at that time they killed about ten thousand men of Moab, all stout men of valor; not a man escaped. So **Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land had rest for eighty years.** [Judges 3:28-30]

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