

EHUD

Judges 3:12–4:1

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3:12 Now the sons of Israel continued to do evil in the sight of the LORD. So the LORD hardened Eglon the king of Moab against Israel, because they had done evil in the sight of the LORD.

13 And he [Eglon] gathered to himself the sons of Ammon and Amalek; and he went and struck down Israel and they took possession of the city of palm trees.

14 The sons of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years.

15 But when the sons of Israel cried to the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer for them, Ehud the son of Gera, the Benjaminite, a left-handed man. And the sons of Israel sent tribute by his hand to Eglon the king of Moab.

16 Ehud made for himself a sword that had two edges, a cubit in length, and he bound it on his right thigh under his cloak.

17 He presented the tribute to Eglon king of Moab. Now Eglon was a very fat man.

18 It came about when he had finished presenting the tribute, that he [Eglon] sent away the people who had carried the tribute.

19 But he [Ehud] himself turned back from the idols that were at Gilgal, and said, "I have a secret message for you, O king." ...

20 Ehud came in to him while he was sitting alone in his cool roof chamber. And Ehud said, "I have a message from God for you." ...

21 Ehud stretched out his left hand, took the sword from his right thigh and thrust it into his [Eglon's] belly.

22 The handle also came in after the blade, and the fat closed over the blade, for he did not draw the sword out of his belly; and the refuse went out of the opening.

24 When he [Ehud] went out, his [Eglon's] servants came in and looked, and behold, the doors of the roof chamber were locked; and they said, "He is only relieving himself in the cool room."

25 They waited until they became anxious; but behold, he did not open the doors of the roof chamber. Therefore they took the key and opened them, and behold, their master had fallen to the floor dead.

26 Now Ehud escaped while they were delaying, and he passed by the idols and escaped to Seirah.

27 ... [Ehud] blew the trumpet in the hill country of Ephraim; and the sons of Israel went down with him from the hill country

28 He said to them, "Follow me, for the LORD has given your enemies the Moabites into your hands." ...

29 They struck down at that time about ten thousand Moabites, all robust and valiant men; and no one escaped.

30 So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land was undisturbed for eighty years.

31 After him [Ehud] came Shamgar the son of Anath, who struck down six hundred Philistines with an oxgoad; and he also delivered Israel.

4:1 Now the sons of Israel continued to do evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died.

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