

Judges 3 - Lesson 7B - First Three Judges

Othniel (7-11)	Ehud (12-30)	Shamgar (31)
<p>Enemy - Mesopotamia - oppressed them 8 years</p> <p>King Cushan-rishathaim = double wickedness</p> <p>Othniel - force of God or strength of God</p> <p>Son of Kenaz - Caleb's younger brother - Caleb's nephew</p> <p>Num 13:6 - tribe of Judah - "praise of God"</p> <p>Josh 15:13-17 (Jud 1:11-13)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - captured Debir for Caleb - married Caleb's daughter - Comes from an influential family - 2 sons (I Chr 4:13) - Hathath (fearful), Meonothai (my habitation) - Courage on his part to go after this city <p>The Spirit of the Lord came upon him (10) - empowered by God to do a great thing for Israel - judge them</p> <p>Godly influence - and good leadership and there was peace - 40 years</p> <p>He died</p>	<p>Enemy - Moabites - oppressed 18 years</p> <p>Eglon - King</p> <p>Ehud = "united" - I will be praised</p> <p>Son of Gera - Benjamite</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - left-handed man - The tribe has a bad reputation <p>Ehud has a good reputation - trustworthy, planner and a strategize</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - makes a 2 edged sword - 18" - Straps it to his right thigh - Paid tribute - send those people away - I have a secret message - king sends everyone away - Ehud sneaks out the sword and kills the king - Leaves, shuts the door and locks it - The servants think the king is relieving himself and they impatiently wait outside the door - Ehud escaped and brought his men back to kill the Moabites - 10,000 of them - God delivered them into their hands <p>Moab was subdued - Israel was undisturbed for 80 years</p>	<p>Enemy - Philistines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sea-faring - Fierce warriors <p>Time period is overlapping or close to Deborah's time - bad time (5:6)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - people weren't traveling - Peasantry ceased - they were hiding from their enemies <p>Shamgar - not a Hebrew name</p> <p>Son of Anath (named after a deity Anatu - goddess of war and fertility)</p> <p>Most likely - mother was Israelite and his father a Canaanite - influenced by the pagan world</p> <p>Oxgoad - farmer/peasants</p> <p>Kills 600 Philistines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Courageous - Supernatural power - much like Samson - God was his strength - God used him regardless of his background (I Cor 1:26-29) - God will use those who are willing regardless of their background - God used 1 man and a simple instrument - One person changed the lives of many