

Judges 3

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3 Now these are the nations which the LORD left, to prove Israel by them, even as many of Israel as had not known all the wars of Canaan; (Joshua's generation knew war, but these younger generations did not. They were spoiled like the young people of the Christian nations today)

NOTES: (In the Christian nations, the "baby boomer" generation was born after WW2. They did not know war. They became the most perverted generation up to that day. That's why we now have political correctness instead of moral correctness. That's why we let atheists teach our children in schools)

(That's also why we let Muslims invade our countries. And yet, their doctrine is to eventually out-vote the Christians; and then, they outlaw Christianity. They have been doing that since the 7th century and it continues today. Join us or die – is their motto)

² Only that the generations of the children of Israel might know, to teach them war, at the least such as before knew nothing thereof; (If they can't fight the enemy, they are guaranteed to lose. You can't buy friends and allies. They start to believe that they can negotiate peace with evil entities. That never works)

NOTE: (Look at the "inclusive" policies of the left today. The result is more perversion and more crime. The good people are persecuted by the evil ones, and the government is afraid to act)

³ Namely, five lords of the Philistines, and all the Canaanites, and the Sidonians, and the Hivites that dwelt in mount Lebanon, from mount Baalhermon unto the entering in of Hamath. (Hamath = a Kenite stronghold) (Baalhermon = lord of the multitude)

NOTE: (In the end days, antichrist will be the "lord of the multitudes". The people will run to him and worship him. He will deceive the whole world)

⁴ And they were to prove Israel by them, to know whether they would hearken unto the commandments of the LORD, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses. (to prove Israel = to test Israel; we all decide our own fate by the choices that we make. We are free to choose to follow the ways of God, or the ways of the world)

⁵ And the children of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites, Hittites, and Amorites, and Perizzites, and Hivites, and Jebusites: (They were told to wipe these heathen people out; not live with them. Most of these tribes had intermixed with the fallen angels and worshipped idols)

⁶ And they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons, and served their gods. (God warned them not to do this) Deuteronomy-7

⁷ And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and forgot the LORD their God, and served Baalim and the groves. (The groves were where they had fertility orgies to false gods like Ishtar and Ashteroth <exchanging cakes, rolling decorated eggs, and mating like bunnies at sunrise orgies>)

(Over the years, those practices became Easter. God told us to celebrate Passover, not Easter)

⁸ Therefore the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of Chushanrishathaim king of Mesopotamia: and the children of Israel served Chushanrishathaim eight years. (Mesopotamia – the land between 2 rivers <Tigris & Euphrates> Iraq today)

⁹ And when the children of Israel cried unto 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. (This was the first judge who was raised by God. He was Caleb's nephew, not his younger brother) see Numbers-13:6

¹⁰ And the Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he judged Israel, and went out to war: and the LORD delivered Chushanrishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand; and his hand prevailed against Chushanrishathaim. (God gave him the victory. God's Holy Spirit will give the Elect the same victory over antichrist, in the end days)

NOTE: (When God's Spirit is upon people, He gives them great gifts, like prophecy, courage, strength, wisdom and the ability to lead others back to righteousness and God's grace)

¹¹ And the land had rest forty years. And Othniel the son of Kenaz died. (After the judge died, the Israelites went right back into the idolatry of the heathen)

¹² And the children of Israel did evil again 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. (Moab- They were descendents of Abraham's nephew, Lot) (Eglon = calf like)

¹³ And he gathered unto him the children of Ammon and Amalek, and went and smote Israel, and possessed the city of palm trees. (city of palm trees = Jericho)

(After Joshua defeated Jericho, God told the people not to re-fortify or re-build Jericho or they would be cursed. They did it anyway) see Deuteronomy-34:3

(Amalek- the grandson of Esau, Jacob's brother. These were his descendants <the Edomites>; Ammon were descendents of Lot)

(So it was Moab, Ammon and Edom – against Israel. These were all Adamic people fighting against each other)

¹⁴ So the children of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years. (They became prisoners in their own land. The Moabites were taking most of the food that the Israelites are growing on their own land; while the Israelites went hungry)

¹⁵ But when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, the LORD raised them up a deliverer, Ehud the son of Gera, a Benjamite, a man lefthanded: and by him the children of Israel sent a present unto Eglon the king of Moab. (Ehud – the second judge) (<in Hebrew> lefthanded = shut of his right hand; i.e. crippled in his right hand)

(present = minka <Hebrew>; it's the same Hebrew word that is translated as a meat or meal offering to the Lord)

(When the priest made a minka offering to the Lord, it was like giving Him a present – a thank you for His blessings)

¹⁶ But Ehud made him a dagger which had two edges, of a cubit length; and he did gird it under his raiment upon his right thigh. (cubit- usually it is the length from the king's elbow to the tip of his fingers <usually 18-24 inches>; In this verse, the word, translated cubit, is a different Hebrew word. It means about 9 inches)

NOTE: (two edges - in Revelation; God's Word is a two edged sword that proceeds out of His mouth. It will defeat the oppressor –

antichrist. Here, the two edged dagger is setting things back right for Israel, by defeating their oppressor)

¹⁷ And he brought the present unto Eglon king of Moab: and Eglon was a very fat man. (Fat is translated handsome in the Septuagint)

(Robustness or girth in those days was considered good looking. The Moabites became fat at the expense of Israel's labors; while Israel went hungry)

¹⁸ And when he had made an end to offer the present, he sent away the people that bare the present. (Ehud sent them away to get them out of harm's way. Ehud intended to kill Eglon, the king of Moab. Had he been caught, they would have also paid the price. That is the sign of a good leader)

¹⁹ But he himself turned again from the quarries that were by Gilgal, and said, I have a secret errand unto thee, O king: who said, Keep silence. And all that stood by him went out from him. (quarries = graven images, such as idols – bad translation)

(errand = dabar <Hebrew> it means a word or a message – better translation)

(Ehud told Eglon that he had a secret message for him; so Eglon dismissed the servants who were there)

²⁰ And Ehud came unto him; and he was sitting in a summer parlour, which he had for himself alone. And Ehud said, I have a message from God unto thee. And he arose out of his seat. (summer parlor - It was common at this time to have a shaded, open and private room on the roof to escape the heat of the day)

²¹ And Ehud put forth his left hand, and took the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly: (Eglon was caught off guard because he was meeting with a crippled man. God used a crippled man to take down a corrupt king) see 1Corinthians-1:27

NOTE: (In the Book of Judges, we will see 7 examples of God using the weak to confound and defeat the mighty)

²² And the haft 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

dirt came out. (haft = the dagger's handle) (Eglon was obese. His fat closed over the entire dagger)

²³ Then Ehud went forth through the porch, and shut the doors of the parlour upon him, and locked them. (This is a delay tactic so that he can make his escape before Eglon's servants realize that he is dead)

²⁴ When he was gone out, his servants came; and when they saw that, behold, the doors of the parlour were locked, they said, Surely he covereth his feet in his summer chamber. (covereth his feet = nature calls, going to the restroom – a figure of speech)

²⁵ And they tarried till they were ashamed: and, behold, he opened not the doors of the parlour; therefore they took a key, and opened them: and, behold, their lord was fallen down dead on the earth.

²⁶ And Ehud escaped while they tarried, and passed beyond the quarries, and escaped unto Seirath. (quarries – the graven images and idols that the Moabites worshipped)

(Seirath is in the hill country of Ephraim. Ehud made his escape)

²⁷ And it came to pass, when he was come, that he blew a trumpet in the mountain of Ephraim, and the children of Israel went down with him from the mount, and he before them. (A true leader leads from the front, not "from behind")

(Example: Barrack Obama was a terrible leader. He actually said that his policy was to lead from behind)

²⁸ And he said unto them, Follow after me: for the LORD hath delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand. And they went down after him, and took the fords of Jordan toward Moab, and suffered not a man to pass over. (Ehud gave God the credit because it was God who delivered them from the Moabites)

(Ephraim secured the Jordan crossing at Jericho, so that the Moabites couldn't send reinforcements across the river. This was a good defensive position for them)

²⁹ And they slew of Moab at that time about ten thousand men, all lusty, and all men of valour; and there escaped not a man. (Lusty = fat; valour = wealth – bad translations) (They got fat and wealthy by taking the tribute from Israel)

³⁰ So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land had rest fourscore years. (80 years)

³¹ And after him was Shamgar the son of Anath, which slew of the Philistines six hundred men with an ox goad: and he also delivered Israel. (Shamgar is the third judge)

(Ox goad is translated ploughshare in the Septuagint. Either way, it is a sharp instrument used for cultivating farmland with oxen. God delivered Israel through this man)