

# March 31/Day 90

## Judges 3

### Verses 1-6

- Which nations were left to test Israel?
- What was the purpose of the test?

### Verses 7-8

- Who did the sons of Israel serve? Where did these gods come from?
- What was Cushan-rishathaim king over? Do you recognize this name from secular history?

### Verses 9-11

- What did God do for the people when they cried to Him? What does this tell us about His character?
- Who did He raise up as deliverer? Do you remember him from yesterday's reading?
- What came upon him as he judged Israel?
- How long did they have rest after Cushan-rishathaim was defeated?
- What happened to Othniel?

### Verses 12-14

- What did the people do after Othniel died?
- Who came against them next?
- What did Israel's idolatry cost?

### Verses 15-23

- Who was the next judge? What was said about him?
- Describe how Ehud defeated Eglon. Did you find this interesting?

### Verses 24-25

- How did the servants find Eglon?

### Verses 26-30

- Do you think it would be easy to defeat this nation while they were distracted by their leader's death?
- How many years of peace did God give them this time?
- You can make a list of the judges and the time phrases for your records, if you'd like.

## Verse 31

- Who was the next judge? Very little is said about him. See chapter 5:6 below.
- In the times prior to Shamgar, all weapons had been seized. He used the only thing he could find as a weapon and killed 600 Philistines with an oxgoad.

## Judges 4

### Verses 1-3

- What did Israel do after Ehud died?
- What does this mean that the LORD sold them? What was the cost of their idolatry?
- What was the name of the king? Who was his army commander?
- What kinds of resources did they have? What material is mentioned? Remember, this is the beginning of time.
- How long was their servitude to Jabin?

### Verses 4-10

- Who was the next judge? What was different about this judge?
- Besides being a judge, what is said of her? What was she? What was her routine?
- Who was her army commander?
- Who did Barak want to go with him?
- Who would receive honor for the battle? Would this woman be Deborah? Keep reading.

### Verse 11

- Here we find yet another name for the father-in-law of Moses. He has been called Jethro and Reuel. This could be due to different languages (example: Matthew was also called Levi), or it could be because Moses had married another woman. It is recorded by Josephus that Moses had married a Cushite princess, Tharbis, prior to Zipporah. The way I see it, it doesn't add or take anything away from the text. It's just interesting information.

### Verses 12-16

- Who routed Sisera? Remember, he is the enemy!
- Who was pursuing him?
- How many of Sisera's army fell by the sword?

### Verses 17-22

- What did Sisera do once his army had been defeated?

- What is the name of the wife in this passage? Her name means “wild goat”! (you will appreciate this!)
- Who was her husband? What was his relationship with Jabin, king of Canaan, the enemy of Israel?
- How did Jael lure Sisera into her tent?
- What does it appear the purpose was of covering him with the rug?
- What was his request? What did she give him instead? Would this have possibly made him feel relaxed?
- What happened once Sisera was sound asleep?
- Would Jael, being a keeper at home, a keeper of the tent, have known how to drive a tent peg?
- Do you remember Deborah’s prophecy to Barak? Who was the woman in whose hands Sisera was given? Deborah, a judge and prophetess? Or Jael, a homemaker?

Verse 23

- What happened to Jabin after Sisera and his army were conquered?

## Judges 5

Following is the Song of Deborah.

Verses 1-6

- There was danger there.

Verse 7

- How does Deborah describe herself here?

Verses 8-9

- Who was among the people?

Verses 10-15

- Who was with Deborah?

Verse 16

- Where was Reuben?

Verse 17

- Where were Gilead and Dan?

Verse 18

- Where were Zebulun and Naphtali?

Verse 19

- We've seen Megiddo before. We will see it again.

Verses 20-24

- What is said of Jael?

Verses 25-27

- How did Sisera die?

Verse 28

- Who was waiting for Sisera to return?

Verses 29-30

- What does this tell you about textiles in the beginning?

Verse 31

- How long did Israel have peace after Jael killed Sisera and Deborah took the king?

See you tomorrow.