

JAMES BOND IN SANDALS

Judges 3:12-30

I. THE TELLING OF THE STORY: *WE MUST "GET IT"*

- A. The Cycle of Judges: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____
- B. The Supremacy of Moab
- 1) West of the Jordan, the Moabites, Ammonites & Amalekites conquered Gad and _____
 - 2) Moab then crossed the Jordan and conquered Benjamin, Ephraim and perhaps _____
 - 3) King Eglon of Moab built a palace close to the site of _____, found by archaeologists
 - 4) Moab oppressed Benjamin and Ephraim for 18 years by demanding annual _____
- C. The Heroism of Ehud
- 1) Ehud was an important leader who delivered the _____ to King Eglon at his palace
 - 2) Ehud was _____, which in ancient times was regarded as a physical defect
 - 3) Ehud had the courage to plot to _____ with the leaders of Ephraim if he could kill Eglon
- D. The Details of the Mission
- 1) Ehud's secret weapon was a specially made 18-inch _____ strapped to his right thigh
 - 2) Ehud's pun: "I have a message from _____ for you"—not Chemosh but the true God
 - 3) Ehud uses his _____ hand to grab his short sword from his right thigh and stab King Eglon
 - 4) The PG-13 moment: Verse 22 in the KJV: "And the _____ came out"—his bowels released!
 - 5) Eglon's servants think he is doing his business & let _____ escape before opening the door
 - 6) Ehud blows a trumpet & they capture the fords & kill every Moabite fleeing across _____

II. THE MEANING OF THE STORY: *WE MUST LIVE IT*

- A. The Theme: "The LORD raised up a deliverer for them." *Judges 3:15*
- 1) Ehud is not the real hero of this story; the _____ is the one who saves Israel
 - 2) The LORD raises up a deliverer—from the verb translated scores of times in the OT as _____
 - 3) We worship a God who saves us even when we need to be delivered from our own _____
- B. Further Applications Based on the Theme
- 1) It is not a light thing to oppress God's people, for God may make you the _____ of His joke
Ps. 2:4: "The LORD shall hold them in derision": The LORD shall say _____
 - 2) God intends that we see how He delivers us from trouble of our own making and _____
 - 3) God doesn't mind getting His hands _____ while delivering His people from their messes
 - 4) Only _____ is the kind of Savior who died and rose again to give us a new, clean heart