

OTHNIEL, EHUD, AND SHAMGAR: WEAK DELIVERERS, STRONG GOD

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INTRODUCTION

The weakness we experience in Christ should promote in us both humility before God and boldness against our enemies.

REVIEW

Book of Judges

- Seventh book in the Bible
- Sequel to the Book of Joshua
- Joshua = conquest of the Promise Land / Judges is = keeping of the Promise Land
- Joshua is arranged chronologically / Judges is arranged geographically
- Begins with Othniel in Judah / Ends with Sampson in Dan
- Moral decadence
- Judges' Cycle = sin > servitude > supplication > salvation

SIN

Sin, ultimately, is doing what is evil in the eyes of the Lord.

When we forget God, we replace him with a counterfeit god.

Ba'al was a fertility Canaanite god, and Asheroth was his consort.

Cushan-rashathaim = Cushan, the Double-Evil

Eglon = little calf

God gives men over to the depravity they so desire.

Romans 1:24–25—[24] *Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, [25] because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.*

SAVIORS

Judges 2:16—*Then the LORD raised up judges, who saved them out of the hand of those who plundered them.*

Othniel

- From the Tribe of Judah
- The model judge
- Saves the people without any kind of impropriety or immorality

Ehud

- From the Tribe of Benjamin
- Ehud is a master of deception

1 Corinthians 1:26–29—*[26] For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. [27] But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; [28] God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, [29] so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.*

Judges 2:19—*But whenever the judge died, they turned back and were more corrupt than their fathers, going after other gods, serving them and bowing down to them. They did not drop any of their practices or their stubborn ways.*

SOVEREIGNTY

The overarching principle that informs the entire Book of Judges is the fact that God is sovereign.

The sovereignty of God over judgement.

The sovereignty of God over mercy.