

Study Guide on Judges 3:15-25, 29-30

New Revised Standard Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

Judges 3:15-25

(Judges 3:15) But when the Israelites cried out to the LORD, the LORD raised up for them a deliverer, Ehud son of Gera, the Benjaminite, a left-handed man. The Israelites sent tribute by him to King Eglon of Moab.

(Judges 3:16) Ehud made for himself a sword with two edges, a cubit in length; and he fastened it on his right thigh under his clothes.

(Judges 3:17) Then he presented the tribute to King Eglon of Moab. Now Eglon was a very fat man.

(Judges 3:18) When Ehud had finished presenting the tribute, he sent the people who carried the tribute on their way.

(Judges 3:19) But he himself turned back at the sculptured stones near Gilgal, and said, "I have a secret message for you, O king." So the king said, "Silence!" and all his attendants went out from his presence.

(Judges 3:20) Ehud came to him, while he was sitting alone in his cool roof chamber, and said, "I have a message from God for you." So he rose from his seat.

(Judges 3:21) Then Ehud reached with his left hand, took the sword from his right thigh, and thrust it into Eglon's belly;

(Judges 3:22) the hilt also went in after the blade, and the fat closed over the blade, for he did not draw the sword out of his belly; and the dirt came out.

(Judges 3:23) Then Ehud went out into the vestibule, and closed the doors of the roof chamber on him, and locked them.

(Judges 3:24) After he had gone, the servants came. When they saw that the doors of the roof chamber were locked, they thought, "He must be relieving himself in the cool chamber."

(Judges 3:25) So they waited until they were embarrassed. When he still did not open the doors of the roof chamber, they took the key and opened them. There was their lord lying dead on the floor.

Judges 3:29-30

(Judges 3:29) At that time they killed about ten thousand of the Moabites, all strong, able-bodied men; no one escaped.

(Judges 3:30) So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land had rest eighty years.

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?

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