



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Judges 3:15–23, 30 Scripture Handout New International Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.

(Judges 3:15) Again the Israelites cried out to the LORD, and he gave them a deliverer--Ehud, a left-handed man, the son of Gera the Benjamite. The Israelites sent him with tribute to Eglon king of Moab.

(Judges 3:16) Now Ehud had made a double-edged sword about a cubit long, which he strapped to his right thigh under his clothing.

(Judges 3:17) He presented the tribute to Eglon king of Moab, who was a very fat man.

(Judges 3:18) After Ehud had presented the tribute, he sent on their way those who had carried it.

(Judges 3:19) But on reaching the stone images near Gilgal he himself went back to Eglon and said, "Your Majesty, I have a secret message for you." The king said to his attendants, "Leave us!" And they all left.

(Judges 3:20) Ehud then approached him while he was sitting alone in the upper room of his palace and said, "I have a message from God for you." As the king rose from his seat,

(Judges 3:21) Ehud reached with his left hand, drew the sword from his right thigh and plunged it into the king's belly.

(Judges 3:22) Even the handle sank in after the blade, and his bowels discharged. Ehud did not pull the sword out, and the fat closed in over it.

(Judges 3:23) Then Ehud went out to the porch; he shut the doors of the upper room behind him and locked them.

(Judges 3:30) That day Moab was made subject to Israel, and the land had peace for eighty years.

Write out the verse or verses you have been assigned below

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Personal Study

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