

Timeline of Truth: **Ehud, Elite Assassin (Judges 3:12 – 4:1)**

<p>S _____</p>	<p>1. Israel Violates God's _____</p>
<p>¹² And the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD.</p>	<p>a. <i>What they did: "the evil" AGAIN</i> b. <i>In Whose judgment: "in the sight of the LORD"</i></p>
<p>S _____</p>	<p>2. God Brings in an _____ Against Israel</p>
<p>So the LORD strengthened Eglon king of Moab [Eglon = little calf] against Israel, because they had done evil in the sight of the LORD.</p>	<p>a. <i>God's Action</i> b. <i>The Enemy's Identity (2nd Moab king ment – Balak 1st)</i> c. <i>The Enemy's Focus</i> d. <i>God's Reason</i></p>
<p>¹³ Then he gathered to himself the people of Ammon and Amalek, went and defeated Israel, and took possession of the City of Palms.</p>	<p>e. <i>The Enemy's Activity</i> f. <i>The Enemy's Victory</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They defeated Israel • They took possession of the City of Palms (Jericho!)
<p>¹⁴ So the children of Israel served Eglon king of Moab eighteen years.</p>	<p>g. <i>Israel's Slavery (and Resulting Misery)</i> Serve the gods of other people; serve the people of other gods. – PK Observation: Through sin, they brought themselves back into a similar situation from which God had freed them from in Egypt! Sin reclaims!</p>
<p>S _____</p>	<p>3. God Raises Up a _____</p>
<p>¹⁵ But when the children of Israel cried out to the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer for them: Ehud the son of Gera the Benjamite, a left-handed man. (see 20:16; 1 Chron 12:2) By him the children of Israel sent tribute to Eglon king of Moab.</p>	<p>a. <i>The Children of Israel Cry Out</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Timing of the Cry (why wait?) • The Direction of the Cry <p>b. <i>The LORD's Response</i> c. <i>The LORD's Rescuer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • His name: Ehud ("Where is glory?") • His father: Gera • His tribe: Benjamin • His skill: lit. "bound right-hand" (elite training - <i>ambi</i>) • His responsibility: tribute courier
<p>¹⁶ Now Ehud made himself a dagger (it was double-edged and a cubit in length) and fastened it under his clothes on his right thigh.</p>	<p>d. <i>Ehud Prepares a Hidden Weapon</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What he makes (cubit <i>gomed</i> not length but <i>single piece</i>) • Where he puts it
<p>¹⁷ So he brought the tribute to Eglon king of Moab. (Now Eglon was a very fat [<i>bari</i>] man.)</p>	<p>e. <i>Ehud Carries Out His Tribute Responsibility</i> f. <i>Eglon's Stature (Fat: never "obese;" but "healthy")</i></p>
<p>¹⁸ And when he had finished presenting the tribute, he sent away the people who had carried the tribute. ¹⁹ But he himself turned back from the stone images that <i>were</i> at Gilgal,</p>	<p>g. <i>Ehud Returns to Eglon</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He finished the tribute process • He sent away his detail (tribute carriers) • He turned back (from Gilgal)
<p>and said, "I have a secret message for you, O king." He said, "Keep silence!" And all who attended him went out from him.</p>	<p>h. <i>Ehud Speaks to Eglon</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ehud mentions a secret message • Eglon tells him to wait <p>i. <i>Eglon Sends Out All His Attendants</i></p>
<p>²⁰ And Ehud came to him (now he was sitting upstairs in his cool private chamber). Then Ehud said, "I have a message from God for you."</p>	<p>j. <i>Ehud Kills Eglon</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ehud approaches Eglon • Ehud speaks to Eglon

<p>So he arose from <i>his</i> seat.</p> <p>²¹ Then Ehud reached with his left hand, took the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly.</p> <p>²² Even the hilt went in after the blade, and the fat [<i>chalev</i>] closed over the blade, for he did not draw the dagger out of his belly; and his entrails came out.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eglon stands • Ehud stabs Eglon • The blade goes completely into Eglon • Fat: Internal fat which protects the internal organs • Ehud leaves the blade within Eglon
<p>²³ Then Ehud went out through the porch and shut the doors of the upper room behind him and locked them.</p>	<p><i>k. Ehud Exits Secretly</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He goes out through the porch • He shuts the doors of the upper room behind him • He locks the doors
<p>²⁴ When he had gone out, Eglon's servants came to look, and <i>to their</i> surprise, the doors of the upper room were locked. So they said, "He is probably attending to his needs in the cool chamber."</p> <p>²⁵ So they waited till they were embarrassed, and still he had not opened the doors of the upper room. Therefore they took the key and opened <i>them</i>. And there was their master, fallen dead on the floor.</p>	<p><i>l. Eglon's Servants Discover His Body</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The servants return • They find the doors locked • They assume Eglon is "taking a bio break" • They wait a long time, until they are embarrassed • They open the doors with a key • They find king Eglon dead on the floor
<p>²⁶ But Ehud had escaped while they delayed, and passed beyond the stone images and escaped to Seirah.</p>	<p><i>m. Ehud Has Time to Escape</i></p>
<p>²⁷ And it happened, when he arrived, that he blew the trumpet in the mountains of Ephraim, and the children of Israel went down with him from the mountains; and he led them.</p> <p>²⁸ Then he said to them, "Follow me, for the LORD has delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand."</p>	<p><i>n. Ehud Assembles an Army</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ehud arrives in Seirah • Ehud blew a trumpet in the mountains of Ephraim • The children of Israel respond to the trumpet call • Ehud directs them to follow him • Ehud declares the LORD's deliverance
<p>So they went down after him, seized the fords of the Jordan leading to Moab, and did not allow anyone to cross over.</p> <p>²⁹ And at that time they killed about ten thousand men of Moab, all stout men of valor; not a man escaped.</p> <p>³⁰ So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel.</p>	<p><i>o. Ehud's Army Defeats Moab's Army</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They seized the places to cross over the Jordan • They did not allow anyone to cross over • They killed about 10,000 men of Moab • Moab was subdued by Israel that day
<p>And the land had rest for eighty years.</p>	<p><i>p. The Land Has Rest for 80 Years</i></p>
<p>³¹ After him was Shamgar the son of Anath...</p>	<p><i>q. One Verse Rescuer Warrior Shamgar (later...)</i></p>
<p>^{4:1} When Ehud was dead, the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD.</p>	<p><i>r. Israel Returns to Evil when the Rescuer Dies</i></p>

Observations

1. Ehud had developed multiple _____.
2. Ehud had unique _____ to the enemy's leader.
3. Ehud _____ rather than just sitting on the sidelines.
4. Ehud used an _____ strategy
5. Ehud attacked the _____ cause, rather than fighting fringe elements.

Lessons

1. Sin brings _____ (sometimes for a long time)
2. God desires us to walk with Him to _____ misery
3. God supervises history to keep His plan on _____
4. God controls the _____
5. God had to make ALL the _____ work.