

Introduction

Othniel (3:7-11)

Israel rejected the LORD and served the Baals and Asherahs (3:7)

The LORD allowed Cushan-Rishathaim oppress Israel eight years (3:8)

Israel cried out to the Lord, who raised Othniel to deliver them and be their judge (3:9-10a)

Othniel defeated Cushan-Rishathaim and the land had rest for eight years (3:10b-11)

Ehud (3:12-30)

Israel again rebelled against the LORD (3:12a)

The LORD strengthened Eglon of Moab, because of Israel's evil (3:12b)

Eglon (in alliance with Ammon and Amalek) took Jericho and ruled for 18 years (3:13-14)

Israel cried out to the LORD, who raised Ehud to deliver them (3:15a)

Ehud made a dagger, and met privately with Eglon after giving the tribute (3:15b-20)

Ehud assassinated Eglon and calmly left, bolting the door behind him (3:21-23)

Eglon's servants waited before entering and found him dead (3:24-25)

Ehud escaped, rallied his troops in the mountains of Ephraim, and defeated Moab at the fords of the Jordan River (3:26-29)

Israel had rest for 80 years (3:30)

Shamgar judged Israel (3:31)

Deborah (4:1–5:31)

Israel again did evil when Ehud was dead (4:1)

The Lord gave Israel over to Jabin, king of Canaan in Hazor, whose commander was Sisera (4:2)

Israel cried out to the LORD against Jabin, who oppressed them for 20 years (4:3)

Deborah, a prophetess, who judged in Ephraim prophesied that he would defeat Jabin (4:4-7)

Barak refused to go unless Deborah accompanied him (4:8)

Deborah said she would go, but that she would receive Barak's glory for victory (4:9)

10,000 men from Zebulun and Naphtali followed Barak (and Deborah) (4:10)

Heber who had left his inheritance reported Barak's moves to Sisera, who moved chariots to stop Israel's army (4:11-13)

Deborah urged Barak via a prophesy of victory and Sisera's army was routed (4:14-16)

Sisera took refuge in Heber's tent, with Jael (Heber's wife) guarding the door (4:17-20)

Jael killed Sisera with a tent peg (4:21-22)

Israel ultimately defeated Jabin (4:23-24)

Conclusion