

## **EHUD'S INTRIGUE**

### **Judges 3:16**

**Let's examine Ehud's true cloak and dagger account!**

#### **I. PERSONALLY INSIGNIFICANT** (15)

- A. A BENJAMITE: The smallest and least significant tribe
- B. LEFT-HANDED: A unique minority
- C. PAYING TRIBUTE: Acknowledging Israel's conquest (see vs. 12-14)

#### **II. HUMANLY CLEVER** (16-20a)

- A. PREPARING A WEAPON (16)
  - Getting it ready before it was needed
- B. PRESENTING THE TRIBUTE (17)
  - Perhaps flattering the king or even giving more than was required
- C. DISMISSING HIS ASSOCIATES (18)
  - Not putting them in danger or including them in his bold endeavor
- D. GETTING THE KING ALONE (19-20a)
  - 1. Offering him a "secret" message (19a)
  - 2. Causing the king to dismiss his attendants (19b)
  - 3. Visiting the king on his private roof top (20a)

#### **III. MILITARILY INSIGHTFUL** (23-30)

- A. ESCAPING UNNOTICED (23-26)
  - 1. Locking the doors (23)
  - 2. Causing the servants to delay (24-25)
  - 3. Fleeing in a circuitous manner (26)
- B. LEADING ISREAL'S ARMY (27-29)
  - 1. Alerting the men (27)
  - 2. Encouraging the soldiers (28a)
  - 3. Seizing the fords of Jordan (28b-29)

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- C. SUBDUING MOAB (30)  
 - Giving Israel peace for 80 years

#### IV. SPIRITUALLY EFFECTIVE

- A. RAISED UP BY GOD (15)  
 - God would use an ordinary man to do extraordinary things!
- B. INSPIRED BY GOD (19)
1. Note “the idols which were at Gilgal”
  2. These may be stones that replaced the twelve stones from Joshua 4:1-7
  3. They might also have been repurposed stones and ascribed to a pagan deity
  4. Perhaps used by God to cause Ehud to remember God’s promises and provisions for Israel  
 - See Joshua 4:20-24
- C. SPEAKING FOR GOD (20-22)  
 - Sometimes God speaks in unusual ways!
1. Ehud’s message (20a)
  2. Eglon’s posture (20b)  
 - Standing in respect for God’s message
  3. Eglon’s death (21-22)
    - a. A surprising attack (21)
    - b. A successful thrust (22)
- D. GLORIFYING GOD (28)
1. Calling attention to God’s work
  2. Humbly giving God credit for all that was done

#### CONCLUSION:

##### **Behind the cloak and dagger is a God-enabled deliverer**

- *Ehud was not a man with unusual ability but one with availability*

**Might we be available and God-enabled like Ehud.**