

JUDGES

Course Outline

Class		Subject	Readings	Date
1	Sun	Introduction and Overview		May 30
2	Thu	Conditions in Israel	(1:1-3:6)	June 3
3	Sun	Othniel, Ehud, Shamgar	(3:7-31)	June 6
4	Sun	Deborah and Barak	(4, 5)	June 13
5	Thu	Gideon I	(6:1-7:8)	June 17
6	Sun	Gideon II	(7:9-8:35)	June 20
7	Thu	Abimelech, Tola, Jair	(9:1-10:5)	June 24
8	Sun	Jephthah, Ibzan, Elon, Abdon	(10:6-12:15)	June 27
9	Thu	Samson I	(13:1-15:8)	July 1
10	Sun	Samson II	(15:9-16:31)	July 4
11	Thu	Micah and the Danites	(17-18)	July 8
12	Sun	The Crime at Gibeah	(19-21)	July 11
13	Thu	Final Review / Make-up		July 15

Lesson 3: Othniel, Ehud & Shamgar (Judges 3:7-31)

CLASS OBJECTIVE:

- List and find the tribes of Othniel & Ehud.
- Define “Othniel,” and list his well-known relative.
- Describe the method of Ehud’s assassination of Eglon.
- List Shamgar’s interesting weapon (and explain why strange weapons were needed).
- List the enemies of Othniel, Ehud, and Shamgar and locate on a map.

A. Othniel (3:7-11)

What does Othniel’s name mean and to whom was Othniel related? (9)

What does “Aram-naharaim” & Cushan-rishathaim mean, [how was he an enemy?](#)

By what power does Othniel go to war? (10)

B. Ehud (3:12-30)

What problem did Moab cause? [Locate Moab on map on last lesson \(larger context\) and map for this lesson](#)

What city did Eglon set up as his headquarters? (13)

What was significant about this city during Joshua’s conquest?

What was Israel’s relationship to Eglon? (15)

[List some details about Ehud and his weapon \(15, 16\)](#)

Why might left-handedness be an advantage in this case? (21)

[Describe the method of Ehud’s assignation of Eglon \(18-24\).](#)

What tribe is this trait associated with? (see 20:16, I Chronicles 12:2)

How did Ehud escape (26)?

How were the Moabites trapped? (28)

C. Shamgar (3:31)

Was Shamgar’s action taken because Israel was again in trouble? (see also 5:6)

What weapon did he use?

What other strange weapons are mentioned in Judges? (15:16)

[Who was his enemy?](#)

4-3 Early Judges in Judah and Benjamin Date: Othniel, c. 1350 BC; Ehud c. 1300 BC 4-3

