

# Questions for Judges 3:1-31

1. Who was taught to know war in Israel? Why are the nations left amongst the children of Israel? What was the problem with marrying foreign wives? (Verses 1-6)

2. Why might Othniel have been chosen by God as the first judge? What was involved in taking on this position of judge, what authority did it have, and what prohibited others from taking on this role? (Verses 7-11)

3. Who is Eglon, how did he defeat Israel, and what is notable about him? Who did God raise up to be the next judge and what was his primary physical feature? (Verses 12-17)

4. Why is this particular event of political assassination part of the Biblical narrative? Is there meant to be a deeper spiritual meaning or is it present purely to show the power of God's judgement and deliverance? (Verses 18-25)

5. Why did the children of Israel listen to Ehud and come down from the mountains to fight? Why could be the reason that there was rest for 80 years, instead of the usual 40 years of rest recorded in the rest of the book? (Verses 26-30)

6. Who was Shamgar? Why do we know so little about him? What does his singular recorded exploit say about him as a person? (Verse 31)