

### Chapter 3

Some of the Israelites forgot the Lord their God and worshipped false gods.

As a result, they were enslaved by the king of Edom for 8 years.

They cried to God for help and God raised up Othniel, a nephew of Caleb, to lead and rescue them.

Then the land enjoyed peace for 40 years.

But when Othniel died, the Israelites again began to do what displeases the Lord, and were again enslaved, this time by Eglon king of Moab, for 18 years.

Once more they cried to the Lord for help and he raised up Ehud, a left-hander.

As Ehud presented tribute to Eglon, he said to Eglon: "I have a secret message for you."

When they were alone, Eglon thought he was safe, because Ehud's knife was on his right thigh.

Ehud then used his left-hand to grab the knife unexpectedly and killed Eglon.

Ehud escaped from the king's quarters before the king's attendants knew Eglon was dead.

Ehud then roused the Israelites to fight and defeat the Moabites, after which the land enjoyed peace for 80 years.

Lord, please raise up good leaders in every country