

# JUDGES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018  
**Week 5: The Magnificent 3**

## Scripture Reading: Judges 3:7-31

### 1. A righteous judge: Othniel (verses 7-11)

- Othniel is the first MAJOR judge of the 12 judges
  - Because of the Israelites *unfaithfulness & disobedience*, they are enslaved for 8 years under Cushan-rishathaim.
  - Othniel is the only judge in the entire book that doesn't have a "flaw" listed.
- "The Spirit of the LORD"
  - Appears 6x in Judges: once with Othniel, Gideon, Jephthah. 3x with Samson.
  - Luke 5:17 & 8:46
- "The land had rest" appears more than 3x in Judges: shows us *how God works & provides for His people*.

### 2. A surprising judge: Ehud (verses 12-30)

- Ehud is the second MAJOR judge
  - God's people are enslaved for *18 years* under the combined armies of Eglon, King of Moab.
    - Genesis 19
- "impeded by his right hand."

- We see the mess to appreciate the redemption given to us.
  
- *“not a man escaped”*
  
- *“Land had rest for 80 years”* – in Chapter 3 alone, *128 years pass!*

### **3. A mysterious judge: Shamgar (verse 31)**

- Shamgar is the 3rd judge of the 12 + the first MINOR judge
  
  
- **What do we learn from Judges 3, if anything?**
  - *God PROVIDES salvation in unusual ways*
    - Psalm 30:5
  
  - *God’s leadership NEVER fails*
  
  
  - *We are made righteous because of FAITH in Christ*
    - Revelation 1:18