

~EGLON 1 (90)
(Eg'lon) [Little Calf]

- **A king of Moab in the days of the Judges, who oppressed Israel for 18 years, because they did what was bad in Yehowah's eyes.**
- **And once again the sons of Israel went doing what was bad in Yehowah's eyes. At that Yehowah let **Eglon** the king of Moab grow strong against Israel, because they did what was bad in Yehowah's eyes. (**Judges 3:12**)**
- **Furthermore, he gathered against them the sons of Ammon and Amalek. Then they went and struck Israel and took possession of the city of palm trees. (**Judges 3:13**)**
- **And the sons of Israel continued to serve **Eglon** the king of Moab eighteen years. (**Judges 3:14**)**
- **And the sons of Israel began to call to Yehowah for aid. So Yehowah raised up for them a savior, Ehud the son of Gera, a Benjamite, a left-handed man. In time the sons of Israel sent tribute by his hand to **Eglon** the king of Moab. (**Judges 3:15**)**
- **Meanwhile Ehud made a sword for himself, and it had two edges, its length being a cubit. Then he girded it underneath his garment upon his right thigh. (**Judges 3:16**)**
- **And he proceeded to present the tribute to **Eglon** the king of Moab. Now **Eglon** was a very fat man. (**Judges 3:17**)**
- **And it came about that when he had finished presenting the tribute, he at once sent the people away, the bearers of the tribute. (**Judges 3:18**)**
- **And he himself turned back at the quarries that were at Gilgal, and he proceeded to say; I have a secret word for you, O king. So he said; Keep silence! With that all those who were standing by him went on out from him. (**Judges 3:19**)**
- **And Ehud came to him as he was sitting in his cool roof chamber that he had to himself. And Ehud went on to say; A word of God I have for you. At that he rose up from his throne. (**Judges 3:20**)**

- Then Ehud thrust in his left hand and took the sword off his right thigh and plunged it into his belly. (**Judges 3:21**)
- And the handle kept going in also after the blade so that the fat closed in over the blade, for he did not draw the sword out of his belly, and the fecal matter began to come out. (**Judges 3:22**)
- And Ehud proceeded to go out through the air hole, but he closed the doors of the roof chamber behind him and locked them. (**Judges 3:23**)
- And he himself went out. And his servants came and began looking, and there the doors of the roof chamber were locked. So they said; He is just easing nature in the cool interior room. (**Judges 3:24**)
- And they kept waiting until they were ashamed, and, look! There was no one opening the doors of the roof chamber. At this they took the key and opened them, and, look! Their lord was fallen to the earth dead! (**Judges 3:25**)
- **Eglon** was head of the confederacy of Moab, Ammon, and Amalek in their assault upon Israel. His downfall came when left-handed Ehud, after presenting the customary tribute, said,
- I have a secret word for you, O king. In the privacy of his cool chamber atop the flat roof of his palace, **Eglon**, after dismissing his attendants, rose up from his throne to receive what Ehud said was a word of God. (**Judges 3:19**)
- Thereupon Ehud thrust into **Eglon's** very fat belly a double-edged sword so that the handle kept going in also after the blade, and the fecal matter began to come out. Concerning;
- And the handle kept going in also after the blade so that the fat closed in over the blade, for he did not draw the sword out of his belly, and the fecal matter began to come out. (**Judges 3:22**)
- **Clarke's Commentary** says; Either the contents of the bowels issued through the wound, or he had an evacuation in the natural way through the **fright and anguish**.