

An Unlikely Deliverer - Ehud

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- God sent Eglon & alliance to discipline His people 3:13

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- Odd choice considering ancient society view of handicapped people 1 Cor 1:27

The Plan

- Ehud delivered tribute - non-threatening but devious
- Tells Eglon of 'secret message'¹⁷ which gets his attention
- Eglon means 'calf-like' so description is 'calf fattened for slaughter'
- Author uses 'potty humor' to describe assassination in gory detail. Servants can smell Eglon, wait embarrassingly long...

The Escape & Lessons:

- God allows Ehud to escape & rally Israel who defeats Moab
- God provides rest to His people for 80 years
- But God's agent was an assassin and deceiver? God does not always work by what we call "normal" methods!
- Shamgar³¹ another unlikely deliverer - likely a Canaanite worshiper of Anath - the Canaanite god of war

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- Like Ehud, Jesus wasn't esteemed Is 53:2-3
- Like Ehud, Jesus used humble means Phil 2:6-8
- Jesus, unlike human deliverers, had no sin or flaw
- Jesus is our Ultimate Deliverer 1 Cor 1:24

Ehud reminds us of What YOU Were!

- If God can use a handicapped deliverer, then He can and probably will use YOU! 1 Cor 1:26-27
- Remember, God is a God of Grace, not works! God often uses those who are on the margins of society so He can show Himself great 1 Cor 1:28-29

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