A Chapter

Judges 18:11-19

At that time there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

Joshua's nephew, Ehud, became the judge of Israel.

Ehud took a donkey and rode to the city of Ephraim, where he gathered a group of men. He disguised himself as a merchant and approached the king's palace.

Ehud said, "Let me tell you a secret; it's from God. Now let me show you something special."

The men were curious, so Ehud showed them his sword. They were amazed by its size.

Ehud promised them a reward for their help. The men agreed, and Ehud convinced them to follow him.

They arrived at Gibeah, where the king was staying.

Ehud said, "I have important news to deliver to the king."

The king's attendants allowed Ehud to enter, and he approached the king. Ehud drew his sword and stabbed the king, killing him instantly.

Ehud and his men then took the royal scepter and moved to another room, where they waited for the king's body to be carried away.

Ehud and his men were then able to lead the people in their rebellion against the king and his followers.

After the rebellion, Ehud became the judge of Israel and ruled for 39 years. He was succeeded by his son, Jeriah, who also ruled as a judge for another 28 years. The people of Israel prospered under his leadership.

Jargon of Wisdom

Psalm 1:1

Blessed is the man who does not follow the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners, who delights in the law of the Lord and meditates on it day and night.

Psalm 1:3

Such a person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does, prospers.

Psalm 1:6

Blessed is the man who goes down to the brook and drinks water from the stream, the fountain of life.