

Judges

The Time of Judges (& Now) | Week 4

**11 MEN & 1
WOMAN SET
OVER ISRAEL TO
JUDGE**

**TENT PEGS,
DONKEY BONES,
& LEFT-
HANDEDNESS**

**SET APART FOR
GOD BUT SET IN
THEIR SINFUL
WAYS**

Not

PERFECT

LIFE IN THE WAITING

THE TIME OF THE JUDGES

In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes. - Judges 21:25



COFFEE TALK

- Who among the group is left-handed? What was your experience growing up as a left-handed person? Did you get teased? Did people question why your watch was on the "wrong" arm?

Did you maybe have a positive experience being left-handed? Were people impressed or amazed?

If you, or someone you know, happen to be left-handed, can you think of a time where using your left hand was beneficial? (This relates to Ehud's story as a left-handed person.)



READ

- Judges 2:6 -3:30
(Appx. 8 min. to read)



REFLECT

- What stood out to you in the reading? Why?

- The sin of Israel in the chapters that we read are as a result of worshipping the Baals and the Asheroth (in this instance the text appears to use plural forms indicating multiple locations of idol worship (v. 3:7). Baal was a fertility god who was believed to enable the earth to produce crops and people to produce children. Asherah was a Canaanite goddess.

As is common throughout Scripture, people are often influenced by other ideas or people and they begin to reject God Himself. Why might the Israelites have been influenced by the Baals and Asheroth? What makes idols so intriguing?

Where have you sought after an idol in your own life? Why is that?

- The story of Ehud is rather detailed and grotesque. This might be an indication of just how difficult this period of history truly was.

Ehud made for himself a sword that was roughly a cubit long and concealed it on his right thigh. Ehud used his own circumstances to do what he thought was right.

How would you describe Ehud's actions and strategy? Why was this effective against King Eglon?

- After killing the king of Moab, Ehud leads the Israelites into battle against Moab and says that God has given them into their hand.

How did Ehud's previous act give way for this second act of victory against Moab? Why do you think there was swift action?



ACT

- In the story of Ehud, is there something that you can apply to your life?