

JUDGES 3

SEEING WHAT'S THERE

1. Beginning with verse 7, we come to a major division in the book of Judges. In only a few sentences, how would you summarize the most important things that have happened so far in this book?
2. A recurring pattern in Judges is (a) Israel sins, (b) Israel is oppressed by an enemy, and (c) Israel is delivered through a leader chosen by God. Where in chapter 3 do you see elements of that pattern?
3. In verses 1-4, what does God do, and what are His reasons for doing it?
4. What repeated action by the people of Israel do you see in verses 9 and 15?
5. What specific action does God's Spirit accomplish in verse 10?

6. In verses 16-29, how would you summarize Ehud's strategy for defeating the king of Eglon?

7. **EYE FOR DETAIL**—*From what you recall seeing in chapter 3, try answering the following question without looking in your Bible:* After Othniel's victory over the king of Aram, for how many years did Israel enjoy peace? (See verse 11.)

CAPTURE THE ESSENCE

8. In verse 8, what verb is used to depict God's actions? (Notice also how it is used in 2:14, 4:2, and 10:7.) Why do you think this particular word is used? What does it call to mind?

FOR GOING DEEPER

Examine these verses to see how they show God's Spirit at work in the time of the Judges—3:10, 6:34, 11:29, 13:25, 14:6, 14:19, and 15:14.

QUESTIONS TO ASK AS YOU STUDY EACH CHAPTER:

- Since the ultimate aim of Bible study is *to know God better*, what does this chapter tell me about God's character and personality?
- Since God has given me the Bible to change my life, what needed corrections or adjustments in my habits or character come to mind as I explore this chapter?
- In this chapter, what are...
the key verses, the key phrases, the key words?
the key points or principles—*and how do they work in my life?*
- In this chapter, do I see any...
commands to obey?
promises to claim?
standards to live by?
- What three-to-six word title would I give to this chapter, to help me remember its teaching?

**Everyone's Best Preparation
for Discussing Each Chapter:**

Read the chapter...reread it...and reread it again.