

# The Deliverer: Ehud

Typology in the Book of Judges



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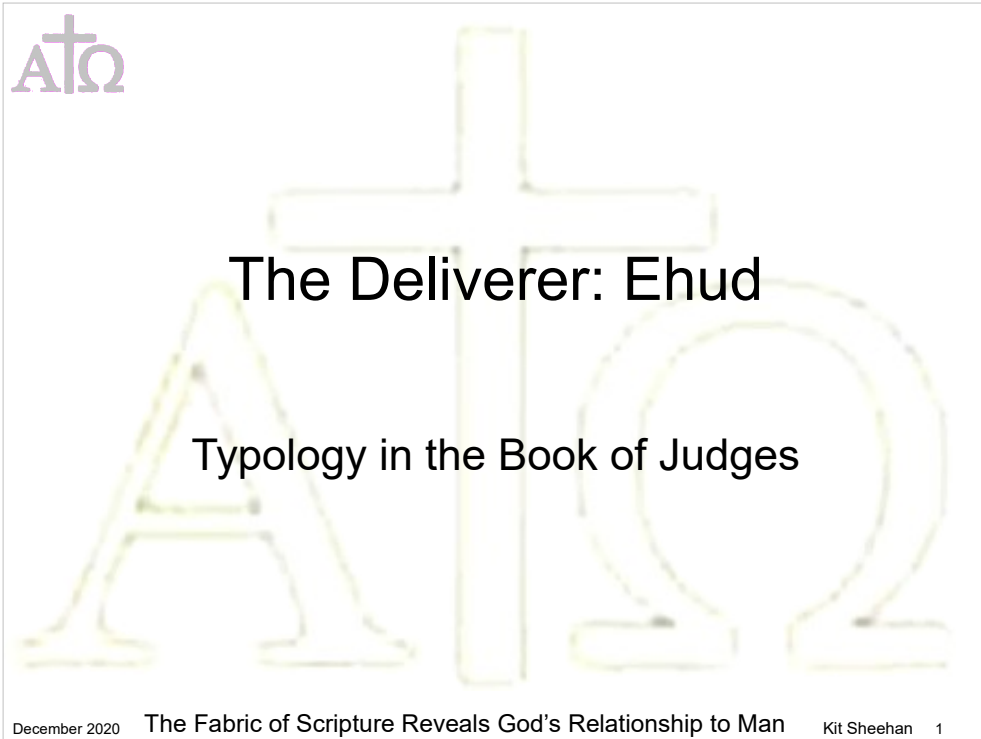
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Ehud is called a deliverer. The Hebrew word behind the English word for deliverer is the same root for the name “Jesus.” We call Jesus the savior which is another translation of the Hebrew word for deliverer. So an obvious question is, “Is Ehud a type of Christ?”

My human brain by itself is not able to comprehend the Wisdom of God. So, after much prayer and dependence on the Holy Spirit, He illuminated Ehud the deliverer to me. God answered my prayer!



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The narrative starts by setting up the problem of Israel's evil, God's response, the people's cry to the Lord and the appointment of Ehud as a deliverer. Then the author uses the word which is often translated, "and it came to pass," to start each of the next two sections of the Ehud narrative: 1. Kill the King & 2. Kill the Moabite Army. Ehud's first mission is to kill the king of Moab, Eglon (the fatted calf). The author spends half the passage leading up to the kill, and the escape. The Killing of the king of Moab is important because it short-circuits the the Moabite leadership in a time of crisis. Ehud's second mission is to ensure the Moabite army is destroyed. This will guarantee peace for years to come. And yes, I did what Judges did in this passage. I used one word (execution) with two different meanings. I couldn't help myself.



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There are questions that caused me to question the possible typology in the Book of Judges. First, Herman said, “Samson is one of the strongest Christ-types in all the Bible.” Then Robbie Dean pointed to various words as Levitical/Sacrificial words. Then I noted that Jesus was given this name because He would save people from their sins. (Matt 1:21). Then after a lot of prayer, God answered my prayer by illuminating this passage. Whether I am smart or not did not matter. It was the illuminating ministry of God the Holy Spirit that provided the answers to my questions. But it was the result of faith dependence on the power of the Holy Spirit, not my intellect. I don’t have a theological degree. I don’t have extensive knowledge of Hebrew. But God can point me to the right places to acquire knowledge. The Holy Spirit illuminates the Scripture so there is understanding. My prayer is that the audience will be blessed because God first blessed me with understanding of this passage so I can teach it.

These questions are logical and part of the Observe – Interpret – Apply hermeneutic. Based upon Herman and Robbie Dean’s observations, it was not out of the realm of possibility that Ehud, and perhaps the other “deliverers” of the Book of Judges, are types of Christ, each emphasizing a certain aspect of Jesus’ ministries.

Over the past couple of weeks, I have been frustrated by seeing the number 2 throughout this passage. What does it point to?

And the sacrificial vocabulary. What does that point to. I do not accept “coincidence” in the Bible. These words are here by design. More and more, I see how carefully the text of the Bible is crafted.





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Most of these and other words are not applied to the execution of Eglon, but they are inferred by the context..



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I apologize for the briefness of this information. Once I understood where this was going, I was overwhelmed. So this is just a sketch of what was illuminated to me for you. Interesting to note that at the instant Ehud stabs Eglon, at the moment of his death, Ehud is joined to Eglon. In the Levitical sacrifices, in some instances, the penitent believer places his/her hand on the animal to be sacrificed as a show that the sins are transferred.



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You will remember that I was “bugged” by the number 2 in this passage. Everywhere I went there was the number two.



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There are two named actors in this narrative: Evil Eglon and Saintly Ehud.



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Here is the heart of the number 2: There are two missions. These missions each start with the Hebrew word meaning "it came to pass," or "it was." Trent Butler calls this word a "temporal indicator. They divide the narrative into three parts. The last two parts are the two missions of Ehad.



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If I change one word in two places, mission to advent, then all of a sudden you may get the gist of where I am going with this.

Eglon was the embodiment of sin. If you don't believe that, just smell what came out of him when he died. The Moabite Army had oppressed the sons of Israel. Now, Ehud's second mission frees them of that. Josephus says, "Ehud was also on this account dignified with the government over all the multitude, and died after he had held the government eighty years."





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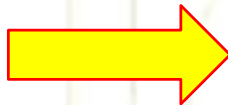
1 Peter 2:24 and He Himself brought our sins in His body up on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness; by His wounds you were healed.

Matthew 4:8-11 <sup>8</sup> Again, the devil \*took Him along to a very high mountain and \*showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; <sup>9</sup> and he said to Him, “All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus \*said to him, “Go away, Satan! For it is written: ‘YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.’” <sup>11</sup> Then the devil \*left Him; and behold, angels came and *began to serve Him.*



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Ehud is a type of Christ from the perspective of the two advents which include two separate “missions.”

In the first advent, Jesus becomes sin and is judged and dies spiritually and physically. As a result of His work during the first advent, He becomes the ruler of the earth and Satan has to bow down to Him. Jesus is resurrected and returns for His second mission.

In the second advent, Jesus defeats the armies of the world aligned against Israel. ALL die. No escape. Only believers go into the Millennium during which time Jesus rules.