THE TWELVE TRIBES Sidon Around 1200-1050 B.C. (according to the Book of Joshua) ARAMEANS Mediterranean Sea Ashteroth BASAN Edrei Camon City of Palm Ramoth-Gilead Trees = Jericho (Deut 34:3) Mahanaim Shiloh GAD AMMON *Rabbath Ammon Mount Nebo REUBEN Lachish JUDAH lahaza Beersheba MOAB SIMFON Kirhareseth Zoar AMALEK Wilderness of **EDOM** TamarZalmona Bozrah Kadesh Punon https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:12_Tribes_of_Israel_Map.svg

Ehud's Adversaries

Moab:

Deut 2: 8 And when we passed by from our brethren the children of Esau, which dwelt in Seir, through the way of the plain from Elath, and from Eziongaber, we turned and passed by the way of the wilderness of Moab. 9 And the LORD said unto me, **Distress not the Moabites**, neither contend with them in battle: for I will not give thee of their land for a possession; because I have given Ar unto the children of Lot for a possession.

Ammon:

Deut 2:19 And when thou comest nigh over against the children of Ammon, distress them not, nor meddle with them: for I will not give thee of the land of the children of Ammon any possession; because I have given it unto the children of Lot for a possession.

"A Benjamite ["son of the right hand"], a man lefthanded"

Judg 20:16 Among all this people there were seven hundred chosen men lefthanded; every one could sling stones at an hair breadth, and not miss.

Helpful References for Ehud

3:15 a man lefthanded

Judg 20:16 Among all this people [of Benjamin] there were seven hundred chosen men **lefthanded**; every one could sling stones at an hair breadth, and not miss.

3:22 the dirt came out

Ex. 29:12 And thou shalt take of the blood of the bullock, and put it upon the horns of the altar with thy finger, and pour all the blood beside the bottom of the altar. 13 And thou shalt take all the fat that covereth the inwards, and the caul that is above the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, and burn them upon the altar. 14 But the flesh of the bullock, and his skin, and his dung, shalt thou burn with fire without the camp: it is a sin offering.

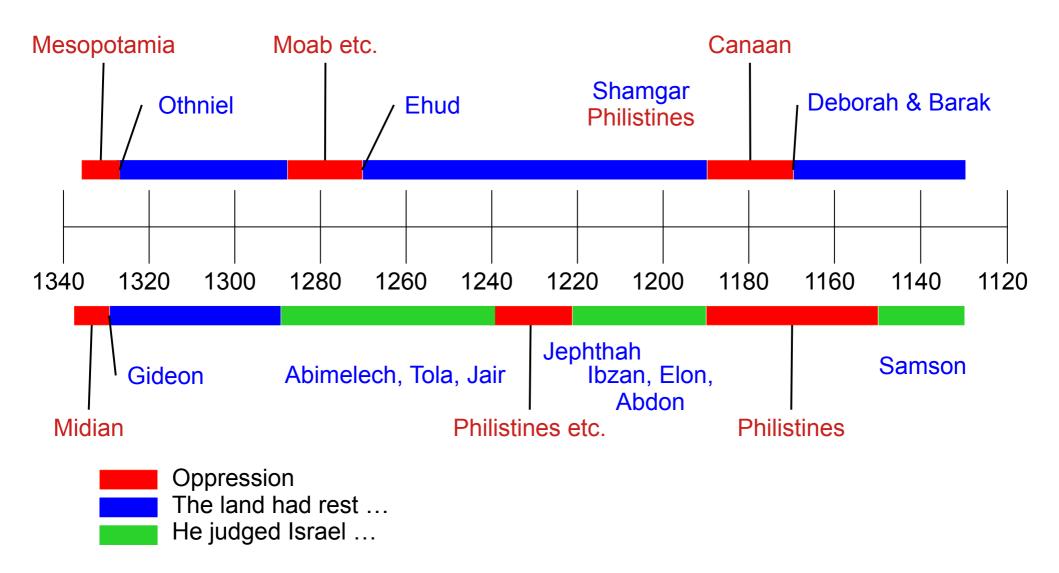
Joab and Ehud

2Sam. 3:27 And when Abner was returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside in the gate to speak with him quietly, and smote him there under the fifth rib in the belly, that he died, for the blood of Asahel his brother.

2Sam. 20:8 When they were at the great stone which is in Gibeon, Amasa went before them. And Joab's garment that he had put on was girded unto him, and upon it a girdle with a sword fastened upon his loins in the sheath thereof; and as he went forth it fell out. 9 And Joab said to Amasa, Art thou in health, my brother? And Joab took Amasa by the beard with the right hand to kiss him. 10 But Amasa took no heed to the sword that was in Joab's hand: so he smote him therewith in the fifth rib in the belly, and shed out his bowels to the ground, and struck him not again; and he died. So Joab and Abishai his brother pursued after Sheba the son of Bichri.

1Kings 2:5 Moreover thou knowest also what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me, and what he did to the two captains of the hosts of Israel, unto Abner the son of Ner, and unto Amasa the son of Jether, whom he slew, and shed the blood of war in peace, and put the blood of war upon his girdle that was about his loins, and in his shoes that were on his feet. 6 Do therefore according to thy wisdom, and let not his hoar head go down to the grave in peace.

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