

**Ehud Cycle -
Judges 3:12-31**

Your Evening News

- Ehud = Where is the splendour, majesty?
- An elite soldier, special forces
- Ehud assassinated king Eglon
- Rallied Israel, defeated Midianites



Historical and Symbolic Meaning

- A true king must come from the tribe of Judah, not Benjamin
- This story uses the language of animal sacrifice



Mocking the Idols

- Ehud passes by idols as he enters and leaves
- Idols always let worshippers down and do nothing at all
- Real conflict is spiritual



Does God command Jihad?

- Is Ehud justified in his methods?
- The book of Hebrews sees people from Judges as heroes of the faith
- Does this contradict Jesus?



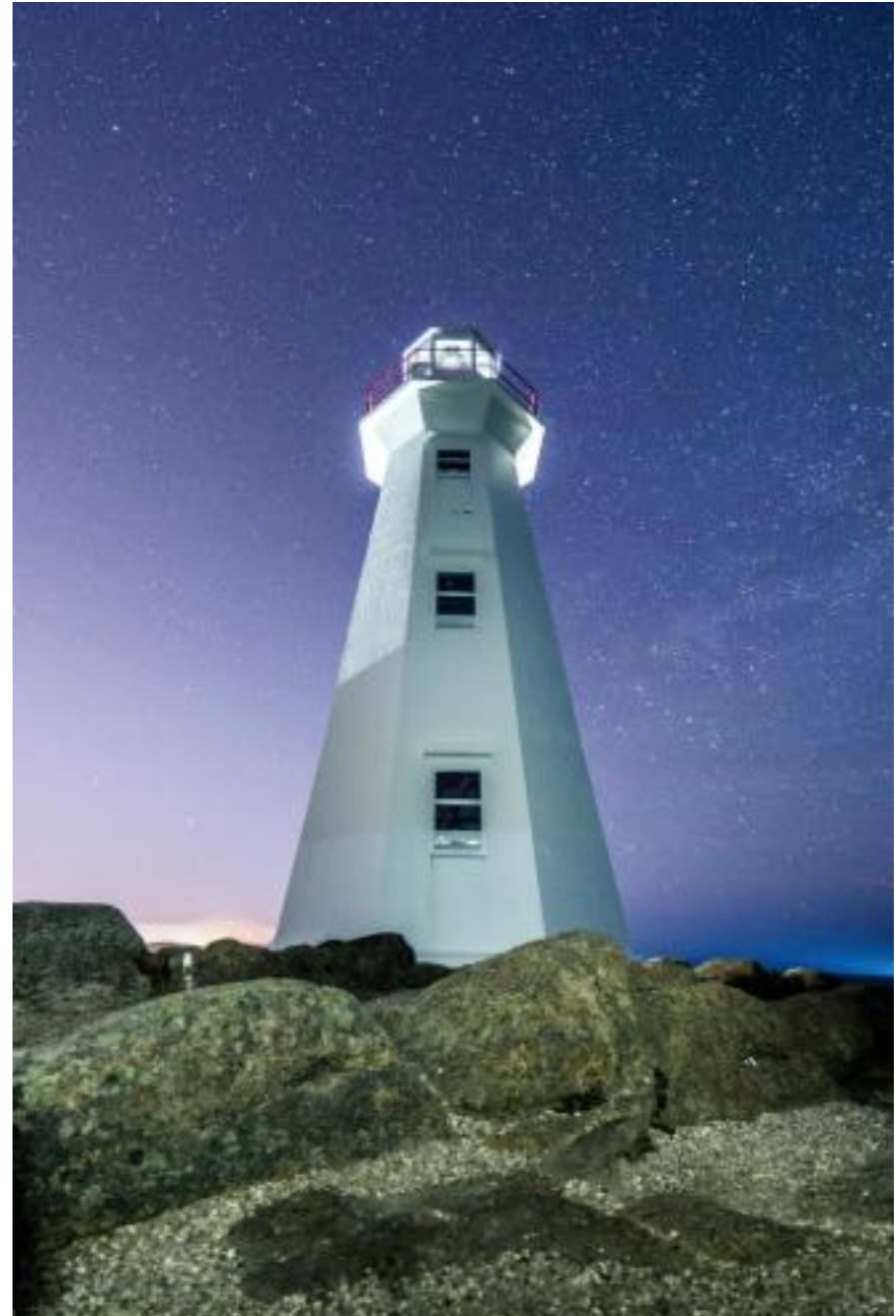
Little Violence and Great Violence

- Violence is stored up against sinners
- Judgment is minor compared to the judgment of being separated from God for eternity
- Symbolic of final judgment



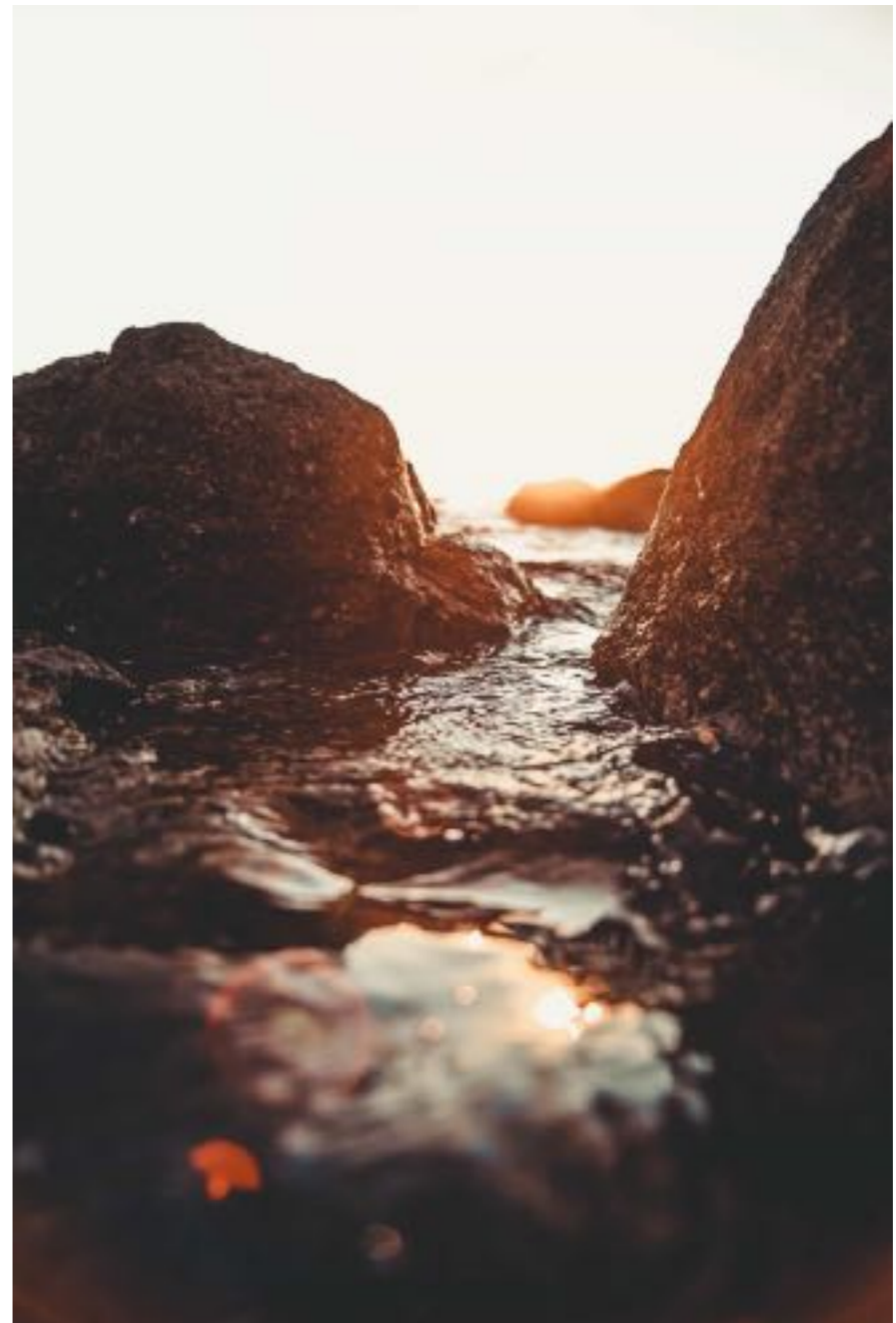
What Has Changed?

- Reversal through Jesus
- Israel was a spiritual community and political nation
- Living the book of Judges



Reinterpreting the Old Testament

- Almost every aspect of Israel's religion has been redefined by Jesus
- The law was a shadow of things to come - the substance is found in Jesus



The Rest of the Story

- Progressive Revelation - God does not reveal everything about himself all at once, but in stages over time
- Humility



Looking for a Saviour

- Ehad was willing to take personal risk without personal assurance from God that it will succeed
- One day everyone will stand before the Judge of the world

