

SHAMGAR: A HIDDEN HERO

Judges 2:1-2, 7-12, 16 (NKJV)

¹Then the Angel of the Lord came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said: “I led you up from Egypt and brought you to the land of which I swore to your fathers; and I said, ‘I will never break My covenant with you. ²And you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; you shall tear down their altars.’ But you have not obeyed My voice.

⁷So the people served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the Lord which He had done for Israel. ⁸Now Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died *when he was one hundred and ten years old*. ⁹And they buried him within the border of his inheritance at Timnath Heres, in the mountains of Ephraim, on the north side of Mount Gaash. ¹⁰When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the Lord nor the work which He had done for Israel. ¹¹Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, and served the Baals; ¹²and they forsook the Lord God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt; and they followed other gods from *among* the gods of the people who *were* all around them, and they bowed down to them; and they provoked the Lord to anger.

¹⁶Nevertheless, the Lord raised up judges who delivered them out of the hand of those who plundered them.

Judges 3:31(NKJV) *“After him came Shamgar the son of Anath, who struck down six hundred Philistines with an oxgoad; and he also saved Israel.”*

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1. Shamgar Did What He Could.

2. Shamgar Worked With What He Had.

3. Shamgar Understood Where He Was.

Judges 5: 6, *“The highways were deserted, And the travelers walked along the byways.”*

4. Shamgar Preferred The Glory Be Given To God.

Judges 13:25, *“And the Spirit of the Lord began to move . . .”*

Judges 14:6, *“And the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him . . .”*