

Close Reading Questions for High School Students on
Sefer Shoftim: Perek Gimmel
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פרק ג

1. This is the second time we've met עתניאל בן קנז in this ספר. What are the major differences between our first and second encounters with him?
2. From where is כושן רשעתיים? Do you know where that is on the map?
3. For how long was the land quiet under עתניאל's leadership?
4. Which pattern from פרק ב emerges very clearly in this פרק? What is the most obvious thing missing from that pattern?!
5. עיר התמרים is another name for יריחו (because of the tremendous date plantations). Think back to ספר יהושע – why is it significant that the first city taken by one of ישראל's enemies is עיר התמרים?
6. From which nation is עגלון? Where is that nation located?
7. From what שבט was אהוד? Notice the pun between his שבט and the story!
8. How did אהוד בן גרא gain access to a well-guarded king?
9. Was אהוד בן גרא a leader? (define leader!) Was he a hero? (define hero!)
10. In what ways are אהוד and his leadership different from those of עתניאל?
11. In what ways is the period of ענת described differently from those of עתניאל and אהוד?



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