

Judith 1-16 - A Woman Rescues the Jews

The book of Judith in the Apocrypha is a fictional short story which shows how a good woman trusted the Lord and saved her city from disaster.

1. Before you begin, draw brackets around these passages and skip them when you read the story.

Judith 5:5-21 - 6:2-7 - 8:11-27 - 9:1-14 - 11:5-19 - 16:2-17

2. As you read the story, identify the characters.

_____ Nebuchadnezzar	A. Jewish high priest at temple in Jerusalem
_____ Holofernes	B. Holofernes' servant
_____ Joakim	C. Assyrian king who conquered the world
_____ Achoir	D. Ammonite leader who defended the Jews
_____ Uzziah	E. the general who attacked the Jews
_____ Judith	F. a beautiful widowed Jewess
_____ Bagoas	G. mayor of the town of Bethulia

3. Every good story has a problem which has to be overcome. What was the problem of the people of Bethulia, and how was it solved?

4. What was Judith's problem, and how was it solved?

5. This story contains long speeches and prayers which summarize its religious message. These are the paragraphs you skipped in question 1. Circle one of them in the list above, read it in your Bible, and then tell what it is about.