

The Book of Judith

Introduction to Chapter 7

Author and Date

Who is the author of the Book of Judith?

Title

What is the origin of the book's title?

Place in the Canon

Is the Book of Judith in the Hebrew or Protestant canon?

Structure

What is the 2-fold structure of the Book of Judith?

Literary Background

What is the literary background of the Book of Judith?

Literary Genre

Is the Book of Judith a historical account, a fictional account or an allegorical account?

Themes and Characteristics

What are the theological and spiritual messages conveyed in the book of Judith?

Christian Perspective

Is the Book of Judith quoted in the New Testament?

(Read 1:1) What is the historical discrepancy found in the Book of Judith? (Note 1:1)

(Read 1:7-11) What are the obligations of “vassals”? (Note 1:7)

What prompts Nebuchadnezzar’s anger against the west? (Note 2:1-28)

(Read 2:1-4) Who is Holofernes? (Note 2:4)

(Read 2:5-9) What is meant by the phrase “lead them away captive”? (Note 2:9)

What is the reaction of most of the countries in the west concerning the advancing Assyrian army?
(Note 3:1-8)

(Read 3:5-8) Does the war waged by the Assyrians have a religious dimension? (Note 3:8)

What is Israel’s response to the prospect of Assyrian invasion? (Note 4:1-5)

(Read 4:1-6) Where is Bethulia? (Note 4:6)

(Read 4:8-10) What is sackcloth? (Note 4:10)

(Read 5:1-9) Who is Achior? (Note 5:5)

(Read 5:22-6:2) How does Holofernes react to Achior's report? (Note 6:2)

(Read 6:14-15) Where is Achior exiled? (Note 6:7)

Who is Uzziah and what is his tribal origin? (Note 6:15)

(Read 6:19-20) How do the townspeople of Bethulia react to the impending crisis? (Note 6:19)

How do they treat Achior? (Note 6:20)

How do the Assyrians carry out the siege of Bethulia? (Note 7:1-32)