### Judges

## Chapter 12

1Well after that, the men of Ephraim got together and traveled north to see JephThah, and they asked him:  
  
 ‘Just why did you go over to fight with the sons of AmMon and not call for us to go with you?  
  
 ‘Because you did that, we’re going to burn down your house with you in it!’  
  
2And JephThah said to them:  
  
 ‘My people and I were very busy fighting the sons of AmMon, and when I called for you, you didn’t come to save me from their hands.  
  
 3‘So, when I saw that you weren’t going to be any help, I put my life in my own hands and attacked the sons of AmMon… And Jehovah gave them to me.  
  
 ‘So now, just why are you coming against me today?’  
  
4Well, JephThah gathered all the men of GileAd and fought against Ephraim, and the men of GileAd cut them down.  
  
However, those who escaped warned him:  
  
 ‘[Don’t forget that your town] GileAd is right in the middle of [the territory of] Ephraim and ManasSeh!’  
  
5So the GileAdites took the fords of the JorDan River before the Ephraimites could get there, and when they tried to cross [to get back home], the men of GileAd asked each one:  
  
 ‘Are you an Ephraimite?’  
  
And when they said:  
  
 ‘No.’  
  
6They then told them to say ‘Stachys’ (for the Ephraimites couldn’t pronounce it properly). Then [if they couldn’t say it right,] they killed them there at They then told them to say ‘Stachys’ (for the Ephraimites couldn’t pronounce it properly). Then [if they couldn’t say it right,] they killed them there at <span class="placename">the fords of the JorDanThey then told them to say ‘Stachys’ (for the Ephraimites couldn’t pronounce it properly). Then [if they couldn’t say it right,] they killed them there at <span class="placename">the fords of the JorDan</span>, and 40,000 men of Ephraim died that day!  
  
7Well, JephThah (the GileAdite) judged IsraEl for 6 years, and then he died and was buried in his city of GileAd.  
  
  
8Thereafter, [Judge #9] Papa IbSan from [Judge #9] Papa IbSan from <span class="placename">BethLehem[Judge #9] Papa IbSan from <span class="placename">BethLehem</span> judged IsraEl.  
  
9He had 30 sons and 30 daughters. He [married off his 30 daughters to men outside of his land], and he brought in 30 [women] for his sons from [outside of their land].  
  
He judged IsraEl for 7 years, 10then Papa IbSan died and they buried him in BethLehem.  
  
  
11After him, [Judge #10] AiLom from ZebuLon judged IsraEl for 10 years. 12Then AiLom died and was buried in [the town of] Then AiLom died and was buried in [the town of] <span class="placename">AiLomThen AiLom died and was buried in [the town of] <span class="placename">AiLom</span> in the land of ZebuLon.  
  
  
13Thereafter, [Judge #11] AbDon (son of ElLel the PhaRathonite) judged IsraEl.  
  
14He had 40 sons and 30 grandsons that rode upon 70 young burros. He judged IsraEl for 8 years. 15Then AbDon (son of ElLel the PhaRathonite) died, and he was buried in Then AbDon (son of ElLel the PhaRathonite) died, and he was buried in <span class="placename">PhaRathonThen AbDon (son of ElLel the PhaRathonite) died, and he was buried in <span class="placename">PhaRathon</span>, in the land of Ephraim on Then AbDon (son of ElLel the PhaRathonite) died, and he was buried in <span class="placename">PhaRathon</span>, in the land of Ephraim on <span class="placename">Mount AmalecThen AbDon (son of ElLel the PhaRathonite) died, and he was buried in <span class="placename">PhaRathon</span>, in the land of Ephraim on <span class="placename">Mount Amalec</span>.