

Judges 11-12— Jephthah, 3 Other Judges

Jephthah (11-12)	Vows	Next Judges (12:8-15)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Valiant warrior, but he was the son of Gilead and a harlot (1) - Brothers drive him away (2) - Worthless men gathered around him (3) - When the Ammonites came - they went looking for Jephthah (4-6) - Men of Gilead made Jephthah their chief (11) - History lesson is given to Ammon (12-28) - Spirit of the Lord came upon Him (29) - Why does Jephthah make a vow? (30-40) - manipulating God - Lev 1:3-9 - priests made the offerings - Dt 18:10 - no place for human sacrifice - Lv 27 - vows could be redeemed - Did what was right in his own eyes - didn't understand God or God's character - Jephthah battles against Ephraim (12:1-6) - killed 42,000 Ephraimites <p><u>Lessons for the church</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - shouldn't pick up the sword against our brothers - Pr 15:1 - speak gently - Ro 5:1 - peace of God that should be in our hearts (12:18) - Eph 4:1-3 - be diligent to preserve the unity in peace (were not called to produce it) - People need to know the word of God (Hos 4:6; Jer 5:4; Pro 29:18; Ps 119) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Num 30 - vows are not to be taken lightly - Lev 22:17-25 - vows are help in high esteem and sealed with a perfect sacrifice - Ecc 5:1-7 - don't be hasty in word or impulsive in thought; let your words be few - the voice of a fool uses many words; don't be late in paying a vow; better not to vow than to vow and not pay - Ps 15:2 - walk in integrity, work righteousness, speak truth in our hearts 	