

## Judges 11-12— Jephthah, 3 Other Judges

Jephthah (11-12)	Vows	Next Judges (12:8-15)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Valiant warrior, but he was the son of Gilead and a harlot (1)</li> <li>- Brothers drive him away (2)</li> <li>- Worthless men gathered around him (3)</li> <li>- When the Ammonites came - they went looking for Jephthah (4-6)</li> <li>- Men of Gilead made Jephthah their chief (11)</li> <li>- History lesson is given to Ammon (12-28)</li> <li>- Spirit of the Lord came upon Him (29)</li> <li>- Why does Jephthah make a vow? (30-40) - manipulating God</li> <li>- Lev 1:3-9 - priests made the offerings</li> <li>- Dt 18:10 - no place for human sacrifice</li> <li>- Lv 27 - vows could be redeemed</li> <li>- Did what was right in his own eyes - didn't understand God or God's character</li> <li>- Jephthah battles against Ephraim (12:1-6) - killed 42,000 Ephraimites</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Lessons for the church</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- shouldn't pick up the sword against our brothers</li> <li>- Pr 15:1 - speak gently</li> <li>- Ro 5:1 - peace of God that should be in our hearts (12:18)</li> <li>- Eph 4:1-3 - be diligent to preserve the unity in peace (were not called to produce it)</li> <li>- People need to know the word of God (Hos 4:6; Jer 5:4; Pro 29:18; Ps 119)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Num 30 - vows are not to be taken lightly</li> <li>- Lev 22:17-25 - vows are help in high esteem and sealed with a perfect sacrifice</li> <li>- 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</li> <li>- Ps 15:2 - walk in integrity, work righteousness, speak truth in our hearts</li> <li>- Lev 27 - each vow is valued - it can be redeemed by adding 20%</li> </ul> <p>What did Jephthah do?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- He 11:32-24 - by faith they conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, obtained promises</li> <li>- I Sam12:6-11 - credited with delivering the people so they could live securely</li> </ul> <p>Mt 5:33-37 (James 5:12)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- don't make false vows</li> <li>- Let your yes be yes and your no be no</li> <li>- Be a person of integrity</li> </ul>	<p>Ibzan - #H78 - whiteness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- from Bethlehem</li> <li>- Judged 7 years</li> <li>- 30 sons and 30 daughters - brought outsiders to them</li> <li>- Many ties or alliances with others</li> <li>- Tremendous influence</li> </ul> <p>Elon - #H356 - mighty - like an oak tree or grove - strength, wisdom, endurance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- from Zebulun</li> <li>- Judged for 10 years</li> </ul> <p>Abdon - #H5658 - servile or servitude</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- son of Hillel the Pirathonite</li> <li>- From Ephraim</li> <li>- Had 40 sons, 30 grandsons that rode on 70 donkeys</li> <li>- Judged 8 years</li> <li>- Man of wealth with large family and possessions</li> </ul>