

JUDGES CHAPTER 12

¹ And the men of Ephraim assembled *themselves*, and passed on to the north, and said to Jephthah, "Why did you go over to fight with the children of Ammon, and did not call us to go with you? We will burn your house over you with fire." ² And Jephthah said to them, "I and my people and the children of Ammon were very much engaged in war; and I called for you, and you did not save me out of their hand. ³ And I saw that you were no helper, and I put my life in my hand, and passed on to the sons of Ammon; and the Lord delivered them into my hand: and why then have you come up against me this day to fight with me?" ⁴ And Jephthah gathered all the men of Gilead, and fought with Ephraim; and the men of Gilead struck Ephraim, because they that had escaped of Ephraim said, "You *are* of Gilead in the midst of Ephraim and in the midst of Manasseh." ⁵ And Gilead took the fords of the Jordan before Ephraim; and they that escaped of Ephraim said to them, "Let us go over." And the men of Gilead said, "Are you an Ephraimite?" And he said, "No." ⁶ Then they said to him, "Say now Stachys." And he did not correctly pronounce it. So they took him, and killed him at the fords of the Jordan; and there fell at that time of Ephraim forty-two thousand. ⁷ And Jephthah judged Israel six years; and Jephthah the Gileadite died, and was buried in his city, *which was* Gilead.

⁸ And after him Ibzan of Bethlehem judged Israel. ⁹ And he had thirty sons and thirty daughters, whom he sent forth; and he brought in thirty daughters for his sons from outside; and he judged Israel seven years. ¹⁰ And Ibzan died, and was buried in Bethlehem.

¹¹ And after him Elon of Zebulun judged Israel ten years. ¹² And Elon of Zebulun died, and was buried in Aijalon in the land of Zebulun.

¹³ And after him Abdon the son of Hillel, the Pirathonite, judged Israel. ¹⁴ And he had forty sons, and thirty grandsons, that rode upon seventy colts: and he judged Israel eight years. ¹⁵ And Abdon the son of Hillel, the Pirathonite, died, and was buried in Pirathon in the land of Ephraim in the mount of Amalek.