

## In The Days When The Judges Ruled

### Lesson 12

## Ibzan, Elon, & Abdon Judge Israel

### Judg. 12

#### Introduction

This chapter may be the most “cursory” of all the book’s 21 chapters. It begins by closing out the account of Jephthah, and it concludes by providing 3 very succinct (*and short-on-detail*) records of the 3 judges that succeeded Jephthah.

- 1) Who is mentioned in v. 1a? How do they for the 2nd time display their temperament? (v. 1b; 8:1)
- 2) How does Jephthah correct their misunderstanding? (vv. 2-3) Where did the fault lie?
- 3) What tragedy resulted? (v. 4)
- 4) What happened after the civil war between Gilead & Ephraim? (vv. 5-6)
- 5) *Thought question*: compare the two ways Ephraim was treated when they complained re: not being included in battle...in Gideon’s day (8:1-3), and in Jephthah’s day (12:2-6).

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- 6) How long did Jephthah judge Israel? (v. 7)
  
- 7) Who was Israel's next "deliverer?" (vv. 8-10) What do we know about him?
  
- 8) Who was Israel's 10th judge? (vv. 11-12) How long did he judge?
  
- 9) Who was Israel's next judge? (vv. 13-15) How long did he judge Israel?