

Judges 12

Judges 12.1-7

V1 – Who got upset at Jephthah's victory? Men from the tribe of Ephraim

-Why were they mad? That Jephthah did not call them to help him fight the Amorites

-What did they threaten to do? Burn down Jephthah's house

V2 – Jephthah's reply? We needed you badly, but when we called you, you did not come

V3 – What else did Jephthah say? I risked my life for you, so don't irritate me

V4 – What upset Jephthah to the point of battle? The men of Ephraim were making fun of the men of Gilead – "You look like a bunch of fugitives!"

-Who won the battle between Jephthah's men and the men of Ephraim? Jephthah and his men

V5 – What strategic point did the men of Jephthah capture? The fords of the Jordan River

-They stopped all the men trying to cross the Jordan River

V6 – How did they tell the men of Ephraim from the other men? Whether or not they could pronounce the word "Shibboleth"

-How did the men of Ephraim say it? Sibboleth

-How many men of Ephraim were killed? 42,000

V7 – How long did Jephthah serve as a judge? 6 years

Read *Beacon Bible Commentary*, I, 163 – Japanese soldiers in World War II could not pronounce the letter "L"

-Application? – Read Matt. 7.21 – Our lives must be in harmony with the word of God

Judges 12.8-10

V8 – Next judge? Ibzan of Bethlehem **Judge #9**

V9 – A total of 60 children (minimum)

-How long did he serve as a judge? 7 years

V10 – He died and was buried in Bethlehem

Judges 12.11-12

V11 – Next judge? Elon **Judge #10**

-How long did he serve as a judge? 10 years

V12 – He died

Judges 12.13-15

V 13 – The next judge of Israel? Abdon **Judge #11**

V 14 – **His descendants?** 40 sons, 30 grandsons

-How long was he a judge? 8 years

V 15 – He died

Very little is known about these last 3 judges, but they were faithful to God and their names were recorded in the Bible (a great honor).

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