

The Kindness and Severity of God

(Judges 10:1-18)

I. Two Minor Judges (vv. 1-5)

A. Tola judges Israel

1. Of the tribe of Issachar
2. Lived in Ephraim
3. Judged Israel for 23 years

B. Jair judges Israel

1. Of the tribe of Manasseh (cf. Num. 32:41; Jos. 13:29-31)
2. Lived in Gilead, east of the Jordan River
3. Judged Israel for 22 years
4. Enjoyed massive wealth and progeny

II. Israel's Devastating Return to Idolatry (vv. 6-9)

A. The repeating cycle of the book of Judges

B. The false gods identified

C. The Lord's Angry Response

1. Pressure from the Philistines
2. Pressure from the Ammonites

D. Focus on the Ammonite Incursion

E. Severe distress in Israel's heartland

III. Israel's Repentance and the Lord's Response (vv. 10-18)

A. Israel cries out to the Lord

B. Israel confesses her sins

C. The Lord's rebuke

1. Did I not save you before?
2. Yet you have forsaken me again and served other gods
3. Therefore I will save you no more
4. Go and seek help from your other gods

D. Israel acknowledges the Lord's rebuke

1. Affirmed their sin
2. Submitted themselves to the Lord's justice
3. Sought the Lord's immediate help
4. Put away their false gods and served the Lord

E. The Lord's Love for Israel

F. Standing up against the oppression