

Jephthah and the Aftermath

(Judges 12)

I. The Conclusion of the Jephthah Narrative

A. Conflict with Ephraim

1. Ephraim and Manasseh were sons of Joseph
2. Ephraim voices hostile intentions against Jephtah
3. Jephthah's half-hearted attempt at diplomacy
4. Ephraim's actions incite civil war
 - a. Ephraim issued the threat
 - b. Ephraim spurned God's provision
 - c. Ephraim taunted the Gileadites
5. Take no prisoners aftermath
 - a. Gileadites captured the river crossings
 - b. Gileadites used a phonetic test to identify the Ephraimites
 - c. Gileadites killed any captured Ephraimites

B. Epilogue of Jephthah's Judgeship

1. Short tenure of only 6 years
2. Burial in an unknown city in Gilead

II. Three More Judges

A. Ibzan of Bethlehem

B. Elon of Zebulun

C. Abdon of Pirathon

Closing Points

1. We must not let ourselves be like Ephraim, resenting God's use of others to accomplish His ends, to His glory.
2. The New Covenant is better than the Old Covenant.
3. Faith is the victory!