

# Judges

Strength in Weakness

**Poor  
Choices**

# Judges 8:28

- 28) So Midian was subdued before the people of Israel, and they raised their heads no more. And the **land had rest forty years in the days of Gideon.**

# Judges 8:33-34

- 33) **As soon as Gideon died**, the people of Israel turned again and whored after the Baals and made Baal-berith their god.
- 34) And **the people of Israel did not remember the LORD their God**, who had delivered them from the hand of all their enemies on every side

# Judges 9:22-24

- 22) **Abimelech** ruled over Israel **three years**.
- 23) And **God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the leaders of Shechem**, and the leaders of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech,
- 24) that the violence done to the seventy sons of Gideon might come, and their blood be laid on Abimelech their brother, who killed them, and on the men of Shechem, who strengthened his hands to kill his brothers.

# Judges 10:1-2

- 1) After Abimelech there arose to save Israel **Tola** the son of Puah, son of Dodo, a man of Issachar, and he lived at Shamir in the hill country of Ephraim.
- 2) And he judged Israel **twenty-three years**. Then he died and was buried at Shamir.

# Judges 10:3-5

- 3) After him arose **Jair** the Gileadite, who judged Israel **twenty-two** years.
- 4) And he had thirty sons who rode on thirty donkeys, and they had thirty cities, called Havvoth-Jair to this day, which are in the land of Gilead.
- 5) And Jair died and was buried in Kamon.

# Judges 10:6-7

- 6) The people of Israel **again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD** and served the Baals and the Ashtaroth, the gods of Syria, the gods of Sidon, the gods of Moab, the gods of the Ammonites, and the gods of the Philistines. And they forsook the LORD and did not serve him.
- 7) So the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of the Philistines and into the hand of the Ammonites

# Judges 10:10

- 10) And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD, saying, “**We have sinned** against you, because we have forsaken our God and have served the Baals.”



# Judges 10:15-16

- 15) And the people of Israel said to the LORD, “**We have sinned**; do to us whatever seems good to you. Only please deliver us this day.”
- 16) **So they put away the foreign gods** from among them and served the LORD, and he became impatient over the misery of Israel.

# Judges 11:1-3

- 1) Now Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty warrior, but he was the son of a **prostitute**. Gilead was the father of Jephthah.
- 2) And Gilead's wife also bore him sons. And when his wife's sons grew up, they drove Jephthah out and said to him, **"You shall not have an inheritance in our father's house, for you are the son of another woman."**

# Judges 11:1-3

- 3) Then Jephthah fled from his brothers and lived in the land of Tob, and **worthless fellows collected around Jephthah** and went out with him.

# Judges 11:7

- 7) But Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, “**Did you not hate me** and drive me out of my father’s house? Why have you come to me now when you are in distress?”

# Judges 11:11

- 11) So Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him head and leader over them. And **Jephthah spoke all his words before the LORD** at Mizpah.

# Judges 11:12-13

- 12) Then Jephthah sent messengers to the king of the Ammonites and said, “**What do you have against me**, that you have come to me to fight against my land?”
- 13) And the king of the Ammonites answered the messengers of Jephthah, “Because Israel on coming up from Egypt took away my land, from the Arnon to the Jabbok and to the Jordan; **now therefore restore it peaceably.**”

# Judges 11:24

- 24) Will you not possess what Chemosh your god gives you to possess? And **all that the LORD our God has dispossessed before us, we will possess.**

# Judges 11:28

28) But the king of the Ammonites **did not listen** to the words of Jephthah that he sent to him.



# Judges 11:29

**29) Then the Spirit of the LORD was upon Jephthah...**

# Judges 11:30-35

- 30) And Jephthah made a vow to the LORD and said, “If you will give the Ammonites into my hand,
- 31) then **whatever comes out from the doors of my house to meet me** when I return in peace from the Ammonites **shall be the LORD's**, and I will offer it up for a burnt offering.”
- 32) So Jephthah crossed over to the Ammonites to fight against them, and the LORD gave them into his hand.

# Judges 11:30-35

33) And he struck them from Aroer to the neighborhood of Minnith, twenty cities, and as far as Abel-keramim, with a great blow. So the Ammonites were subdued before the people of Israel.

34) Then Jephthah came to his home at Mizpah. And behold, **his daughter came out to meet him** with tambourines and with dances. **She was his only child;** besides her he had neither son nor daughter.

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# Psalm 15:1-5

- 1) **O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent?  
Who shall dwell on your holy hill?**
- 2) **He who walks blamelessly and does  
what is right and speaks truth in his  
heart;**
- 3) **who does not slander with his tongue  
and does no evil to his neighbor, nor  
takes up a reproach against his friend;**



## Psalm 15:1-5

- 4) in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honors those who fear the LORD; **who swears to his own hurt and does not change;**
- 5) who does not put out his money at interest and does not take a bribe against the innocent. **He who does these things shall never be moved.**

# Hebrews 11:32

32) And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, **Jephthah**, of David and Samuel and the prophets...