

## Judges 10-12

Characters: Narrator, Voice of God, All

Based on/scripture: Judges 10

FK reading level: 4.1

NARRATOR: After Abimelech, Tola became judge and began to deliver Israel.

ALL: Tola judged Israel 23 years

NARRATOR: After him came Jair the Gileadite

ALL: who judged Israel 22 years.

NARRATOR: Then the Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD.

ALL: Worshipping many foreign gods.

NARRATOR: They abandoned Yahweh and did not worship Him.

ALL: The Philistines and the Ammonites shattered and crushed the Israelites

NARRATOR: for 18 years so they cried out to the LORD

ALL: We have sinned against You. We have abandoned our God and worshiped the Baals.

VOG: When other nations oppressed you, and you cried out to Me, did I not deliver you from their power? But you have abandoned Me and worshiped other gods. Go and cry out to the gods you have chosen. Let them deliver you in the time of your oppression.

ALL: “We have sinned. Deal with us as You see fit; only deliver us today!

NARRATOR: They got rid of the foreign gods and worshiped the LORD.

VOG: I became weary of Israel’s misery.

Characters: Narrator, Elder, Jephthah, Daughter, All

Based on/scripture: Judges 11 & 12

FK reading level: 4.7

NARRATOR: The Ammonites made war with Israel.

ELDER: Jephthah, come with us, fight the Ammonites, and you will become leader of all the inhabitants of Gilead.

JEPHTHAH: If you are bringing me back to fight the Ammonites and the LORD gives them to me, I will be your leader.

NARRATOR: Jephthah sent messengers to the king of the Ammonites.

JEPHTHAH: Let the LORD who is the Judge decide today between the Israelites and the Ammonites.

NARRATOR: The Spirit of the LORD came on Jephthah

JEPHTHAH: Lord, if You will hand over the Ammonites to me, whatever comes out of the doors of my house to greet me when I return in peace will belong to the Lord, and I will offer it as a burnt offering.

ALL: and the LORD handed the Ammonites over to him.

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NARRATOR: When Jephthah went to his home, his daughter came out to meet him with tambourines and dancing!

ALL: (*sadly*) She was his only child; he had no other son or daughter besides her.

JEPHTHAH: (*pained*) No! Not my daughter! You have devastated me! You have brought great misery on me. I have given my word to the LORD and cannot take it back.

DAUGHTER: My father, you have given your word to the LORD. Do to me as you have said, for the LORD brought vengeance on your enemies, the Ammonites.

NARRATOR: (*sadly*) Jephthah kept the vow he had made about her.

ALL: Jephthah judged Israel six years.

NARRATOR: Ibzan, who was from Bethlehem, judged Israel after Jephthah for seven years.

ALL: Elon, who was from Zebulun, judged Israel after Ibzan.

NARRATOR: He judged Israel 10 years.

ALL: After Elon, Abdon judged Israel for eight years.

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