

The Book of Judges: Chapters 12 & 13

Sunday, November 17 – Wednesday, November 20

Chapter 12: Sunday, November 17

(1) What complaint did the people of Ephraim direct toward Jephthah? Consequently, what threat did they make against Jephthah? (*Judges 8: 1*)

(2 – 4) How did Jephthah respond to the complaints from the people of Ephraim (what points did he make in his response)? From verse 4, what criticism had the people of Ephraim made against Jephthah and his people, and what was the result of the subsequent battle?

(5 – 7) What did the Gileadites do to prevent the army of Ephraim from escaping across the Jordan River? How many men of Ephraim were killed in the battle? How long did Jephthah serve as judge over Israel?
(*Judges 7: 24*)

(8 – 10) Who was the next judge over Israel? Where was he from, and how long did he serve as judge? What information do we learn about his family situation, and why was that information important?

(11 – 12) Who was the next judge over Israel? What tribe was he from, and how long did he serve as judge?

(13 – 15) Who was the next judge over Israel? What tribe was he from, and how long did he serve as judge? What information is provided about his family?

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Chapter 13: Wednesday, November 20

(1) Describe the situation in Israel. How did God respond to the people's disobedience?

(2 – 5) What information did the Angel of the Lord provide to Manoah's wife? What instructions did He give to her regarding her future son? What would be the unique characteristic of his Nazarite status? (*Numbers 6: 1 – 5*)

(6 – 10) How did Manoah's wife describe the appearance of the Angel of the Lord? How did she describe her conversation with the Angel of the Lord, and how did Manoah respond? In his prayer, what did Manoah ask of God, and how did God respond?

(11 – 14) What did Manoah ask the Angel of the Lord? How did the Angel of the Lord respond?

(15 – 18) What offer did Manoah make to the Angel of the Lord, and how did He respond to Manoah's offer? When Manoah asked the Angel of the Lord about His name, how did He respond? (*Isaiah 9: 6*)

(19 – 21) What happened when Manoah made the offering on the altar? How did Manoah and his wife respond to this miraculous event, and what realization did Manoah come to as a result?

(22 – 25) What concern did Manoah express to his wife, and how did she respond? What was the name of the son born to Manoah and his wife?