

## Judges 12

1. Why were the Ephraimites so upset with Jephthah?
2. Why does the Ephraimite complaint of this chapter sound so familiar?  
(See Judges 8:1-ff for a reminder)
  - a. There are some differences between these accounts... In the Judges 8 incident, who was the judge?
  - b. In Judges 8, who were the oppressors?
  - c. In Judges 12, who was the judge?
  - d. In Judges 12, who were the oppressors?
3. What did the Ephraimites threaten to do to Jephthah?
4. What defense did Jephthah make to the Ephraimites?
5. What did this disagreement result in?
6. After Jephthah and the Gileadites captured the fords of the Jordan to prevent passage by the Ephraimites, what interesting test did the Gileadites use to determine the ethnicity and identity of the Ephraimites?

7. How many Ephraimites died?
8. Who succeeded Jephthah as judge, and how long did he judge Israel?
  - a. What observation is made about marriage arrangements for this judge's sons and daughters?
9. Who succeeded Ibzan as judge, and how long did he judge Israel?
10. Who succeeded Elon as judge, and how long did he judge Israel?
  - a. What observation is made about Abdon's sons and grandsons?
11. *Thought Question:* By the time of the end of Judges 12, what pattern has emerged about the general and respective locations of the judges? (note, Samson, of chapters 13 and following, will come from the Danite city of Zorah)