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**Text: Judges 10**

### **BRIEF MENTION OF TWO MORE JUDGES**

1. Tola who judged Israel for 23 years **Judges 10:1-12**

Tola was from the tribe of Issachar

2. Jair who judged Israel for 22 years **Judges 10:3-5**

Jair was from Gilead, a territory that was given to Gad and Manasseh **Joshua 13:25, 31**

(Jair was mentioned in Joshua 13:30 as a city; Jair the Judge may well have come from Manasseh)

### **THE PLIGHT OF ISRAEL**

1. Severely oppressed by two deadly enemies

a) Philistines **Judges 10:6-7**

b) Ammonites **Judges 10:7-9**

2. Crying out to God

a) Confession of sin **Judges 10:10a**

b) Confession of forsaking God **Judges 10:10b**

c) Confession of worshipping Baals **Judges 10:10c**

3. God's Reply

a) Recalling of God's deliverance **Judges 10:11-12**

i) From the Egyptians

ii) From the Amorites

iii) From the Ammonites

iv) From the Philistines

v) From the Sidonians

vi) From the Amalekites

vii) From the Maonites (Midianites)

b) Reasoning with Israel

i) Highlighting the grave sin of forsaking God

ii) And the sin of idolatry

iii) No more deliverance to be given

iv) Let the idols deliver Israel

c) Plea of Israel **Judges 10:15-16**

i) Acceptance of God's charges

ii) Plea to be delivered

iii) A show of repentance

iv) Idols put away

v) Serving the Lord

**THREAT OF FURTHER OPPRESSION BY THE AMMONITES**  
**Judges 10:17-18**

1. They had encamped in Gilead to attack Israel
2. There were no outstanding leaders in Israel to battle the Ammonites
3. Gilead was desperate and made a solemn pledge  
Whoever could deliver Gilead would be appointed the ruler