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**Text: Judges 12**

## **DISUNITY IN ISRAEL**

### **1. Ephraim- Trouble-maker**

- a) Arrogant
- b) Fault Finding

### **2. Ephraim**

- a) Confronting Gideon Judges 8:1-3
- b) Confronting Jephthah Judges 12:1-6
  - i) Not calling Ephraim to battle the Ammonites Judges 12:1a
  - ii) Threat to burn down the house of Jephthah Judges 12:1b

## **JEPHTHAH'S RESPONSE TO EPHRAIM**

- 1. Refuted Ephraim's charge
  - a) He did ask Ephraim for help Judges 12:2a
  - b) Ephraim was no help at all Judges 12:2b

### **2. Reasoning with Ephraim**

- a) Battling the Ammonites was out of sheer necessity Judges 12:3
- b) Acknowledging Divine help from God Judges 12:3b
- c) Why was Ephraim picking a fight with Jephthah? Judges 12:3c

## **INTERNECINE WARFARE**

- 1. Ephraim insulted Jephthah and the Gileadites Judges 12:4
- 2. Jephthah fought with Ephraim Judges 12:4
- 3. Ephraim was soundly defeated Judges 12:4
- 4. The Shibboleth test for all Ephraimites attempting escape Judges 12:5-6

## **JUDGESHIP OF JEPHTHAH**

Only 6 years Judges 12:7

## **OTHER JUDGES**

Ibzan Judges 12:8-9  
7 years

Elon Judges 12:11-12  
10 years

Abdon Judges 12:13-15  
8 years