

# Questions for Judges 12:1-15

1. Why are the Ephraimites upset with Jephthah? What are some of the differences between this encounter and the confrontation between Ephraim and Gideon in Judges 8? (Verses 1-3)

2. Why did Jephthah fight against Ephraim? Was this war driven by divine judgment or a personal vendetta? How was Ephraim defeated? (Verses 4-6)

3. Why might Jephthah have judged such a short time compared to other faithful judges? Why was Jephthah included in the Hebrews 11 hall of faith and what qualities should we imitate from his life? (Verse 7)

4. Who was Ibzan and what was significant about him? Why is it mentioned that he brought in 30 women from elsewhere for his sons? (Verses 8-10)

5. Who was Elon and what was significant about him? What might the lack of information about him tell us? (Verses 11-12)

6. Who was Abdon and who are the Pirathonites? What is significant about his sons and grandsons riding donkeys during his time judging Israel? (Verses 13-15)