

Chapter 10

Thola ruleth in Ifrael twentie three yeares. 3. Iair twentie two. 6. The people fal againe to idolatrie, are afflicted by the Philifthimes, and Ammonites. 10. They crie to God for helpe, who biddeth them cal for helpe to the goddes whom they haue ferued, 16. but crying ftill to God, and throwing away their idoles, he hath compafsion of them.

After Abimelech there arofe Ruler in Ifrael Thola the fonne of Phua the vnkle of Abimelech, a man of Iffachar, which dwelt in Samir of mount Ephraim: ² and iudged Ifrael three and twentie yeares, and died and was buried in Samir. ³ After him fucceded Iair the Galaadite, who iudged Ifrael for two and twentie yeares, ⁴ hauing thirtie fonnes fitting vpon thirtie affe coltes, & princes of thirtie cities, which of his name were called Hauoth Iair, that is, the townes of Iair, vntil this prefent day in the Land of Galaad. ⁵ And Iair died, and was buried in the place, which is called Camon. ⁶ But the children of Ifrael ioyning new finnes to their old, did euil in the fight of our Lord, & ferued the Idols, Baalim and Aftaroth, & the goddes of Syria and of Sidon and of Moab and of the children of Ammon and of the Philifthimes: and they left our Lord, and did not ferue him. ⁷ Againft whom our Lord being wrath, deliuered them into the handes of the Philifthijms and of the children of Ammon. ⁸ And they were afflicted, and fore opreffed for eightene yeares, al that dwelt beyond Iordan in the Land of the Amorrheite, which is in Galaad: ⁹ in fo much, that the children of Ammon paffing ouer Iordan, wafted Iudas and Benjamin and Ephraim: and Ifrael was afflicted exceedingly. ¹⁰ And crying to our Lord, they faid: We haue finned to thee, becaufe we haue forfaken our Lord God & haue ferued Baalim. ¹¹ To whom our Lord fpake: Haue not the Egyptians and the Amorrheites, and the children of Ammon and the Philifthijms, ¹² the Sidonians alfo and Amalech and Chanaan opreffed you, & you cried

to me, and I deliuered you out of their hand? ¹³ And yet you haue forfaken me, and haue worfhipped ftrange goddes: therefore I wil not adde to deliuer you any more: ¹⁴ goe and inuocate the goddes which you haue chofen: let them deliuer you in the time of diftreffe. ¹⁵ And the children of Ifrael faid to our Lord: We haue finned, tender to vs whatfoeuer pleafeth thee: only now deliuer vs. ¹⁶ In faying which thinges, ^a)they threw away out of their coaftes al the idols of ftrange goddes, and ferued our Lord God: who forowed for their miferies. ¹⁷ Therefore the children of Ammon crying together pitcht their tentes in Galaad: againft whom the children of Ifrael being affembled camped in Mafpha. ¹⁸ And the princes of Galaad faid euerie one to their neighbours: Who of vs shal firft beginne to fight againft the children of Ammon, fhall be the duke of the people of Galaad.

^a Not euerie one that fayeth: *Lord, Lord*, but he that doth the wil of God, &c. *Mat. 7.*