

## Chapter 12

*Ephraites rising againſt Iephte, fourtie two thouſand of them are ſlaine. 8. Abefan is Iudge. 11. After him Ahialon. 13. Then Abdon.*

**B**ut behold in Ephraim there aroſe a fedition. For they paſſing againſt the North, ſaid to Iephte: Going to fight againſt the children of Ammon, why wouldſt thou not cal vs, that we might goe with thee? Therefore we wil burne thy houſe. <sup>2</sup> To whom he answered: I and my people were at great ſtrife againſt the children of Ammon: and I called you, that you ſhould ayde me, and you would not doe it. <sup>3</sup> Which I feeling <sup>a</sup>)put my life in myne owne handes, and paſſed to the children of Ammon, and our Lord deliuered them into my handes. What haue I deſerued, that you riſe againſt me in battel. <sup>4</sup> Therefore al the men of Galaad being called to him, he fought againſt Ephraim: and the men of Galaad ſtroke Ephraim, becauſe he had ſaid: <sup>b</sup>)Galaad is a fugitiue of Ephraim, and dwelleth in the middes of Ephraim and Manaffes. <sup>5</sup> And the Galaadites tooke the fordes of Iordan, by the which Ephraim was to returne. And when there had come to the ſame one of the number of Ephraim, fleeing, and had ſaid: I beſech you let me paſſe: The Galaadites ſaid to him: Art thou not an Ephraite? Who ſaying: I am not: <sup>6</sup> they asked him: Say then Schibboleth, which is interpreted an Eare of corne. Who answered, Sibboleth, not being able by the ſame letter to expreſſe, an eare of corne. And immediatly being apprehended they killed him in the very paſſage of Iordan. And there fel at that time of Ephraim two and fourtie thouſand. <sup>7</sup> Therefore Iephte the Galaadite iudged Ifrael fix yeares: and he died, and was buried

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<sup>a</sup> That is, expoſed my ſelf to danger truſting to Gods helpe & myn owne handes, when others would not aſſiſt me.

<sup>b</sup> Iephte being of Manaffes tribe the Ephraites enuied his glorie and calumniouſly obiected that he and his followers were fugitiues ſo raied a tumulte to their owne loſſe.

in his citie of Galaad. <sup>8</sup> After him Abefan of Bethlehem iudged Ifrael: <sup>9</sup> who had thirtie fonnes, and as manie daughters, which he fending abroad, gaue to hufbandes, and tooke wiues for his fonnes of the fame number, bringing them into his houle. Who iudged Ifrael feuen yeares: <sup>10</sup> and died and was buried in Bethlehem. <sup>11</sup> To whom fucceeded Ahialon a Zabulonite: and he iudged Ifrael ten yeares: <sup>12</sup> and he died and was buried in Zabulon. <sup>13</sup> After him Abdon iudged Ifrael, the fonne of Illel a Pharathonite: <sup>14</sup> who had fourtie fonnes, and of them thirtie nephewes, mounting vpon feuentie affe coltes, and he iudged Ifrael eight yeares: <sup>15</sup> and he died, and was buried in Pharathon of the Land of Ephraim, in the mount of Amalec.