

RECAP

Last time we looked at the STORY OF GIDEON'S SONS as we looked at the subject of "**The RESULT of REJECTING RIGHTEOUSNESS**" from Judges 9.

We discovered that **Joshua ESTABLISHED THE RULE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS** at the end of his life in Joshua 24:14-27,

And **THE RULE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS IS REJECTED WHEN SIN PROSPERS.**

And SIN PROSPERS:

1. WHEN IT GAINS A FOOTHOLD –
2. WHEN IT APPEALS TO PRIDE –
3. WHEN MONEY ENTERS THE PICTURE –
4. WHEN EVIL PEOPLE RULE –
5. WHEN VIOLENCE RULES –
6. WHEN RELIGION GETS CORRUPTED –

The RESULT of REJECTING RIGHTEOUSNESS

1. GOD CONFRONTS THOSE WHO REJECT RIGHTEOUSNESS.
2. GOD CONVICTS THOSE WHO REJECT RIGHTEOUSNESS.
3. GOD ALLOWS CONSEQUENCES TO HAPPEN TO THOSE WHO REJECT RIGHTEOUSNESS.
4. GOD CONDEMNS THOSE WHO REJECT RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Today I want to look at the FIVE Judges mentioned in 10:1-5 and 12:8-15.

*Judges 10:1-5 **After the time** of Abimelech a man of Issachar, Tola son of Puah, the son of Dodo, rose to save Israel. He lived in Shamir, in the hill country of Ephraim. v2 He led Israel twenty-three years; then he died, and was buried in Shamir. v3 **He was followed** by Jair of Gilead, who led Israel twenty-two years. v4 He had thirty sons, who rode thirty donkeys. They controlled thirty towns in Gilead, which to this day are called Havvoth Jair. v5 When Jair died, he was buried in Kamon.*

*Judges 12:8-15 **After him**, Ibzan of Bethlehem led Israel. v9 He had thirty sons and thirty daughters. He gave his daughters away in marriage to those outside his clan, and for his sons he brought in thirty young women as wives from outside his clan. Ibzan led Israel seven years. v10 Then Ibzan died, and was buried in Bethlehem. v11 **After him**, Elon the Zebulunite led Israel ten years. v12 Then Elon died, and was buried in Aijalon in the land of Zebulun. v13 **After him**, Abdon son of Hillel, from Pirathon, led Israel. v14 He had forty sons and thirty grandsons, who rode on seventy donkeys. He led Israel eight years. v15 Then Abdon son of Hillel died, and was buried at Pirathon in Ephraim, in the hill country of the Amalekites.*

Introduction

As you can see from the length of the verses, these we not very important judges. If you think you are very important, I want to remind you just how insignificant we are, watch the videos in the links. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K43VUxJzSR8>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NI6QwdU_9UA

The GOD WHO SEES THE BIG PICTURE!!

As we consider these five Judges notice

1. GOD NEVER FORGETS HIS PROMISES.

There are 12 Judges mentioned in the Book of Judges. We are looking at FIVE of them at one time:

	<i>Tola</i>	<i>Jair</i>	<i>Ibzan</i>	<i>Elon</i>	<i>Abdon</i>
TRIBE	ISSACHAR	GILEAD	ASHER	ZEBULAN	EPHRAIM

EVERY TRIBE HAD ONE PERSON FROM THAT TRIBE LEAD THE NATION

As we consider these five Judges notice

2. GOD WORKS IN AND THROUGH FAMILIES.

	<i>Tola</i>	<i>Jair</i>	<i>Ibzan</i>	<i>Elon</i>	<i>Abdon</i>
TRIBE	ISSACHAR	GILEAD	ASHER	ZEBULAN	EPHRAIM
FAMILY	<i>son of Puah, the son of Dodo Mentioned in Genesis 46:13 The sons of Issachar: Tola, Puah,</i>	<i>thirty sons</i>	<i>thirty sons and thirty daughters</i>		<i>son of Hillel Forty sons and thirty grandsons</i>

GOD HAS PLACED US IN THE FAMILY OF HIS CHOOSING – JESUS born of Joseph & Mary

As we consider these five Judges notice

3. GOD TIMING IS PERFECT.

	<i>Tola</i>	<i>Jair</i>	<i>Ibzan</i>	<i>Elon</i>	<i>Abdon</i>
TRIBE	ISSACHAR	GILEAD	ASHER	ZEBULAN	EPHRAIM
FAMILY	<i>son of Puah, the son of Dodo</i>	<i>thirty sons</i>	<i>thirty sons and thirty daughters</i>		<i>son of Hillel Forty sons and thirty grandsons</i>
SERVED 70 YEARS	<i>twenty-three</i>	<i>twenty-two</i>	<i>seven years</i>	<i>ten years</i>	<i>eight years</i>

GOD'S TIME AND TIMEING IS SOMETHING WE WILL NEVER FULLY UNDERSTAND

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As we consider these five Judges notice

4. GOD KNOWS WHERE YOU LIVE.

	<i>Tola</i>	<i>Jair</i>	<i>Ibzan</i>	<i>Elon</i>	<i>Abdon</i>
TRIBE	ISSACHAR	GILEAD	ASHER	ZEBULAN	EPHRAIM
FAMILY	<i>son of Puah, the son of Dodo</i>	<i>thirty sons</i>	<i>thirty sons and thirty daughters</i>		<i>son of Hillel Forty sons and thirty grandsons</i>
SERVED	<i>twenty-three</i>	<i>twenty-two</i>	<i>seven years</i>	<i>ten years</i>	<i>eight years</i>
BORN	<i>Shamir</i>	<i>Gilead</i>	<i>Bethlehem</i>	<i>Zebulunite</i>	<i>Pirathon</i>
BURRIED	<i>Shamir</i>	<i>Kamon</i>	<i>Bethlehem</i>	<i>Aijalon</i>	<i>Pirathon</i>

As you look at the list of names of towns where these Judges were born, lived and died, none of them are significant. Not even the Bethlehem mentioned is the town where Jesus was born. This town is Bethlehem in the region of Zebulan.

GOD KNOW WHERE YOU LIVE AND WHERE YOU ARE GOING!

As we consider these five Judges notice

5. GOD CHOOSES EACH PERSON PURPOSEFULLY.

	<i>Tola</i>	<i>Jair</i>	<i>Ibzan</i>	<i>Elon</i>	<i>Abdon</i>
TRIBE	ISSACHAR	GILEAD	ASHER	ZEBULAN	EPHRAIM
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BURRIED	<i>Shamir</i>	<i>Kamon</i>	<i>Bethlehem</i>	<i>Aijalon</i>	<i>Pirathon</i>
SIGNIFICANCE	<i>in the hill country of Ephraim</i>	<i>rode thirty donkeys</i>	<i>Marriage of Children</i>	<i>in the land of Zebulun</i>	<i>the hill country of the Amalekites</i>
MEANING OF NAME	<i>A CRIMSON WORM – The colour was used to make purple die for royal clothes</i>	<i>JA-IR – Jehovah – gives LIGHT</i>	<i>FAMOUS – The Jewish Talmud links him with BOAZ- Ruth -- Jesus</i>	<i>AN OAKGROVE or Pistachio Tree - STRENGTH</i>	<i>A SERVANT – Town in Levi – place of worship</i>

GOD KNOWS YOUR NAME

CONCLUSION

I trust you have seen the connection

***Tola** - A CRIMSON WORM - BLOOD*

***Jair** - Jehovah – gives LIGHT – “I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD”*

***Ibzan** - FAMOUS – Bethlehem – “House of BREAD”*

***Elon** - Tree – STRENGTH – THE CROSS*

***Abdon** - A SERVANT – Town in Levi – place of worship - HEAVEN*

**THE STORY OF THE BIBLE ALWAYS POINTS US
TO JESUS.**