

## Judges 11-15

**Intro:** Review Sin Cycle/Judges

### Chapter 11

#### Overview

- \* Son/Harlot, Gilead Chooses Jephthah, Xchg/Messages/King/Ammon
- \* (V30-31) Famous Vow, Victory, Daughter, Go Thru With It?
- \* Map (Tribe of Gad)

#### Point #1 (Rash) Unnecessary, Un-Biblical, Un-Godly Vow

(1) God already promised/drive out, (2) If Biblical = Goat/Bull/Ram  
(3) Human Sacrifice Forbidden – Shall not do as nations among!(Josh)

**Isaiah 1:10-19** – Had enough Burnt Offerings...if willing/obedient

**Matthew 26:34-35** <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to him, “Assuredly, I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.”

<sup>35</sup>Peter said to Him, “Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!” And so said all the disciples.

\* Biblical - **1 Samuel 1:11** <sup>11</sup>Then she (Hannah) made a vow and said, “O Lord of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a male child, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and no razor shall come upon his head.”

### Chapter 12

#### Overview

- \* Ephraimites Conflict w/Jephthah/Cause Division/Destruction(Inside)
- \* Judges - Ibzan (10) 7 years; Elon (11) 10 years; Abdon (12) 8 years

#### Point #2 Division = Destruction

\* Ephraim & Gileadites (Gad) Should be on the same team!

\* **Jill & My Morning Devotion was on this!**

**1 Corinthians 1:10-11** <sup>10</sup>Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. <sup>11</sup>For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe’s household, that there are contentions among you.

## Chapter 13

#### Overview

- \* The Angel of the Lord appearing to Manoah & Wife:
- \* (V3) Wife; (V6) Wife/Manoah; (V8) Manoah/Prayed/God Listened

#### Point #3 When We Pray – God Shows Up!

1. THE Angel of the LORD? V11 – I am; V18 – Wonderful (Isa 9:6)
2. We Pray – God Listens/Shows Up!

**Jeremiah 33:3** <sup>3</sup>‘Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.’

**Psalms 116:1-2** <sup>1</sup>I love the Lord, because He has heard My voice and my supplications. <sup>2</sup>Because He has inclined His ear to me, Therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live.

### Chapter 14

#### Overview

- \* Samson sees Woman@Timnah; “Get her for me”; V4-Mother/Father
- \* Kills Lion; Riddle, Men/Threaten; Wife/Weeps, Samson Tells, Spirit

#### Point #4 Be Careful Little Eyes What You See!

\* Or How can a man be So Filled with Flesh & Spirit @ Same Time!  
V1 – Samson/Saw; V2 Have/Seen/Get;

13:25, V6, & V19 – Spirit Came Mightily Upon Him

**Luke 11:34-36** <sup>34</sup>The lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore, when your eye is good, your whole body also is full of light. But when your eye is bad, your body also is full of darkness. <sup>35</sup>Therefore take heed that the light which is in you is not darkness. <sup>36</sup>If then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, the whole body will be full of light, as when the bright shining of a lamp gives you light.”

### Chapter 15

#### Overview

- \* Samson/Visits/Wife, Given/Another, Takes Revenge (Foxes)
- \* Hides/Etam; Men/Judah/Arrest; Kills 1K Philistines, God Answers

#### Point #5 God Can Use Us In Spite of Us

\* God/Use/In Spite/Us, For Greater Good, Shouldn’t be Impressed!

**Romans 1:5-6** Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name, <sup>6</sup>among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ; (**Romans 12:3**)

\* Shouldn’t confuse Grace & the Greater Good as Approval!