

Abimelech got his armor-bearer to kill him with a sword, so that no one could say he was killed by a woman.

Dear Lord, please stop evil people  
from hurting other people

## Chapters 10, 11

The Israelites yet again served false gods, and once more they were oppressed, this time by the Ammonites.

The Israelites appealed to Jephthah to help them. Jephthah was the son of a prostitute. His brothers had driven him from home and would not give him a share of their father's inheritance.

Jephthah went into exile and became a famous soldier.

Jephthah agreed to help the Israelites after they agreed to make him their future leader.

Jephthah tried to reason with the Ammonite king, but the king refused to negotiate a peace agreement.

The spirit of the Lord then came on Jephthah and he led the Israelites to victory over the Ammonites.

Dear Lord, may your spirit give courage to all leaders

## Chapters 12, 13

Jephthah was judge in Israel for 6 years. For the following 25 years, Ibzan (7 years), Elon (10 years) and Abdon (8 years) were judges.