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1 . **Tola.** .

After Abimelech there arose to save Israel Tola the son of Puah, the son of Dodo, a man of Issachar; and he lived in Shamir in the hill country of Ephraim.

2 He judged Israel twenty-three years, and died, and was buried in Shamir.

3 . **Jair.** .

After him arose Jair, the Gileadite; and he judged Israel twenty-two years.

4 He had thirty sons who rode on thirty donkey colts, and they had thirty cities, which are called Havvoth Jair to this day, which are in the land of Gilead.

5 Jair died, and was buried in Kamon.

6 . **Israel Oppressed Again.** .

The children of Israel again did that which was evil in the sight of YHWH, and served the Baals, and the Ashtaroth, and the gods of Syria, and the gods of Sidon, and the gods of Moab, and the gods of the children of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines; and they forsook YHWH, and didn't serve him.

7 The anger of YHWH was kindled against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the children of Ammon.

8 They troubled and oppressed the children of Israel that year. For eighteen years, they oppressed all the children of Israel that were beyond the Jordan in the land of the Amorites, which is in Gilead.

9 The children of Ammon passed over the Jordan to fight also against Judah, and against Benjamin, and against the house of Ephraim; so that Israel was very distressed.

10 The children of Israel cried to YHWH, saying, "We have sinned against you, even because we have forsaken our ELOHIM, and have served the Baals."

11 YHWH said to the children of Israel, "Didn't I save you from the Egyptians, and from the Amorites, from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines?"

12 The Sidonians also, and the Amalekites, and the Maonites, oppressed you; and you cried to me, and I saved you out of their hand.

13 Yet you have forsaken me, and served other gods: therefore I will save you no more.

14 Go and cry to the gods which you have chosen. Let them save you in the time of your distress!"

15 The children of Israel said to YHWH, "We have sinned: do you to us whatever seems good to you; only deliver us, please, this day."

16 They put away the foreign gods from among them, and served YHWH; and his soul was grieved for the misery of Israel.

17 Then the children of Ammon were gathered together, and encamped in Gilead. The children of Israel assembled themselves together, and encamped in Mizpah.

18 The people, the princes of Gilead, said one to another, "What man is he who will begin to fight against the children of Ammon? He shall be head over all the inhabitants of Gilead."

1 . **Jephthah.** .

Now Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty man of valor, and he was the son of a prostitute: and Gilead became the father of Jephthah.

2 Gilead's wife bore him sons; and when his wife's sons grew up, they drove out

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Jephthah, and said to him, “You shall not inherit in our father’s house; for you are the son of another woman.”

3 Then Jephthah fled from his brothers, and lived in the land of Tob: and there were gathered vain fellows to Jephthah, and they went out with him.

4 It happened after a while, that the children of Ammon made war against Israel.

5 It was so, that when the children of Ammon made war against Israel, the elders of Gilead went to get Jephthah out of the land of Tob;

6 and they said to Jephthah, “Come and be our chief, that we may fight with the children of Ammon.”

7 Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, “Didn’t you hate me, and drive me out of my father’s house? Why have you come to me now when you are in distress?”

8 The elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, “Therefore we have turned again to you now, that you may go with us, and fight with the children of Ammon; and you shall be our head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.”

9 Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, “If you bring me home again to fight with the children of Ammon, and YHWH deliver them before me, shall I be your head?”

10 The elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, “YHWH shall be witness between us; surely according to your word so will we do.”

11 Then Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him head and chief over them: and Jephthah spoke all his words before YHWH in Mizpah.

12 Jephthah sent messengers to the king of the children of Ammon, saying, “What have you to do with me, that you have come to me to fight against my land?”

13 The king of the children of Ammon answered to the messengers of Jephthah, “Because Israel took away my land, when he came up out of Egypt, from the Arnon even to the Jabbok, and to the Jordan: now therefore restore that territory again peaceably.”

14 Jephthah sent messengers again to the king of the children of Ammon;

15 and he said to him, “Thus says Jephthah: Israel didn’t take away the land of Moab, nor the land of the children of Ammon,

16 but when they came up from Egypt, and Israel went through the wilderness to the Sea of Suf, and came to Kadesh;

17 then Israel sent messengers to the king of Edom, saying, ‘Please let me pass through your land;’ but the king of Edom didn’t listen. In the same way, he sent to the king of Moab; but he would not: and Israel stayed in Kadesh.

18 Then they went through the wilderness, and went around the land of Edom, and the land of Moab, and came by the east side of the land of Moab, and they encamped on the other side of the Arnon; but they didn’t come within the border of Moab, for the Arnon was the border of Moab.

19 Israel sent messengers to Sihon king of the Amorites, the king of Heshbon; and Israel said to him, ‘Please let us pass through your land to my place.’

20 But Sihon didn’t trust Israel to pass through his border; but Sihon gathered all his people together, and encamped in Jahaz, and fought against Israel.

21 YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel, delivered Sihon and all his people into the hand of Israel, and they struck them: so Israel possessed all the land of the Amorites, the inhabitants of that country.

22 They possessed all the border of the Amorites, from the Arnon even to the Jabbok, and from the wilderness even to the Jordan.

23 So now YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel, has dispossessed the Amorites from before his people Israel, and should you possess them?

24 Won’t you possess that which Chemosh your god gives you to possess? So whoever YHWH our ELOHIM has dispossessed from before us, them will we possess.

25 Now are you anything better than Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab? Did he ever

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strive against Israel, or did he ever fight against them?

26 While Israel lived in Heshbon and its towns, and in Aroer and its towns, and in all the cities that are along by the side of the Arnon, three hundred years; why didn't you recover them within that time?

27 I therefore have not sinned against you, but you do me wrong to war against me. YHWH, the Judge, be judge this day between the children of Israel and the children of Ammon."

28 However the king of the children of Ammon didn't listen to the words of Jephthah which he sent him.

29 Jephthah's Vow and Victory.

Then the Spirit of YHWH came on Jephthah, and he passed over Gilead and Manasseh, and passed over Mizpeh of Gilead, and from Mizpeh of Gilead he passed over to the children of Ammon.

30 Jephthah vowed a vow to YHWH, and said, "If you will indeed deliver the children of Ammon into my hand,

31 then it shall be, that whatever comes forth from the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, it shall be YHWH's, and I will offer it up for a burnt offering."

32 So Jephthah passed over to the children of Ammon to fight against them; and YHWH delivered them into his hand.

33 He struck them from Aroer until you come to Minnith, even twenty cities, and to Abelcheramim, with a very great slaughter. So the children of Ammon were subdued before the children of Israel.

Job 39.

1 "Do you know the time when the mountain goats give birth? Do you watch when the doe bears fawns?

2 Can you number the months that they fulfill? Or do you know the time when they give birth?

3 They bow themselves, they bring forth their young, they end their labor pains.

4 Their young ones become strong. They grow up in the open field. They go forth, and don't return again.

5 "Who has set the wild donkey free? Or who has loosened the bonds of the swift donkey,

6 Whose home I have made the wilderness, and the salt land his dwelling place?

7 He scorns the tumult of the city, neither does he hear the shouting of the driver.

8 The range of the mountains is his pasture, He searches after every green thing.

9 "Will the wild ox be content to serve you? Or will he stay by your feeding trough?

10 Can you hold the wild ox in the furrow with his harness? Or will he till the valleys after you?

11 Will you trust him, because his strength is great? Or will you leave to him your labor?

12 Will you confide in him, that he will bring home your seed, and gather the grain of your threshing floor?

13 "The wings of the ostrich wave proudly; but are they the feathers and plumage of love?

14 For she leaves her eggs on the earth, warms them in the dust,

15 and forgets that the foot may crush them, or that the wild animal may trample them.

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- 16 She deals harshly with her young ones, as if they were not hers. Though her labor is in vain, she is without fear,
17 because ELOHIM has deprived her of wisdom, neither has he imparted to her understanding.
18 When she lifts up herself on high, she scorns the horse and his rider.
19 “Have you given the horse might? Have you clothed his neck with a quivering mane?
20 Have you made him to leap as a locust? The glory of his snorting is awesome.
21 He paws in the valley, and rejoices in his strength. He goes out to meet the armed men.
22 He mocks at fear, and is not dismayed, neither does he turn back from the sword.
23 The quiver rattles against him, the flashing spear and the javelin.
24 He eats up the ground with fierceness and rage, neither does he stand still at the sound of the shofar.
25 As often as the shofar sounds he snorts, ‘Aha!’ He smells the battle afar off, the thunder of the captains, and the shouting.
26 “Is it by your wisdom that the hawk soars, and stretches her wings toward the south?
27 Is it at your command that the eagle mounts up, and makes his nest on high?
28 On the cliff he dwells, and makes his home, on the point of the cliff, and the stronghold.
29 From there he spies out the prey. His eyes see it afar off.
30 His young ones also suck up blood. Where the slain are, there he is.”

Psalms 130.

1 A Song of Ascents..

- A Song of Ascents. Out of the depths I have cried to you, YHWH!
2 ADONAI, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my petitions.
3 If you, YAH, kept a record of sins, ADONAI, who could stand?
4 But there is forgiveness with you, therefore you are feared.
5 I wait for YHWH! My soul waits. I hope in his word.
6 My soul longs for ADONAI more than watchmen long for the morning; more than watchmen for the morning.
7 Israel, hope in YHWH, for with YHWH there is loving kindness. With him is abundant redemption.
8 He will redeem Israel from all their sins.

Proverbs 26.

- 1 Like snow in summer, and as rain in harvest, so honor is not fitting for a fool.
2 Like a fluttering sparrow, like a darting swallow, so the undeserved curse doesn't come to rest.
3 A whip is for the horse, a bridle for the donkey, and a rod for the back of fools!
4 Don't answer a fool according to his folly, lest you also be like him.
5 Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own eyes.
6 One who sends a message by the hand of a fool is cutting off feet and drinking violence.
7 Like the legs of the lame that hang loose: so is a parable in the mouth of fools.
8 As one who binds a stone in a sling, so is he who gives honor to a fool.
9 Like a thornbush that goes into the hand of a drunkard, so is a parable in the mouth of fools.

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- 10 As an archer who wounds all, so is he who hires a fool or he who hires those who pass by.
- 11 As a dog that returns to his vomit, so is a fool who repeats his folly.
- 12 Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.
- 13 The sluggard says, "There is a lion in the road! A fierce lion roams the streets!"
- 14 As the door turns on its hinges, so does the sluggard on his bed.
- 15 The sluggard buries his hand in the dish. He is too lazy to bring it back to his mouth.
- 16 The sluggard is wiser in his own eyes than seven men who answer with discretion.
- 17 Like one who grabs a dog's ears is one who passes by and meddles in a quarrel not his own.
- 18 Like a madman who shoots torches, arrows, and death,
- 19 is the man who deceives his neighbor and says, "Am I not joking?"
- 20 For lack of wood a fire goes out. Without gossip, a quarrel dies down.
- 21 As coals are to hot embers, and wood to fire, so is a contentious man to kindling strife.
- 22 The words of a whisperer are as dainty morsels, they go down into the innermost parts.
- 23 Like silver dross on an earthen vessel are the lips of a fervent one with an evil heart.
- 24 A malicious man disguises himself with his lips, but he harbors evil in his heart.
- 25 When his speech is charming, don't believe him; for there are seven abominations in his heart.
- 26 His malice may be concealed by deception, but his wickedness will be exposed in the assembly.
- 27 Whoever digs a pit shall fall into it. Whoever rolls a stone, it will come back on him.
- 28 A lying tongue hates those it hurts; and a flattering mouth works ruin.

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