

FAITHFULLY UNFAITHFUL

A Study in the Book of Judges

Judges 10:1-5; 12:8-15

THE SEEMINGLY INSIGNIFICANT IN THE BIG PICTURE

1. God Uses The _____ After Tola died, Jair from Gilead judged Israel for twenty-two years. ⁴ His thirty sons rode around on thirty donkeys, and they owned thirty towns in the land of Gilead, which are still called the Towns of Jair - Judges 10:3–4 (NLT)

After Jephthah died, Ibzan from Bethlehem judged Israel. ⁹ He had thirty sons and thirty daughters. He sent his daughters to marry men outside his clan, and he brought in thirty young women from outside his clan to marry his sons. Ibzan judged Israel for seven years. - Judges 12:8–9 (NLT)

After Elon died, Abdon son of Hillel, from Pirathon, judged Israel. ¹⁴ He had forty sons and thirty grandsons, who rode on seventy donkeys. He judged Israel for eight years. - Judges 12:13–14 (NLT)

2. God Uses The _____

After Abimelech died, Tola son of Puah, son of Dodo, was the next person to rescue Israel. He was from the tribe of Issachar but lived in the town of Shamir in the hill country of Ephraim. ² He judged Israel for twenty-three years. When he died, he was buried in Shamir. - Judges 10:1–2 (NLT)

After Ibzan died, Elon from the tribe of Zebulun judged Israel for ten years. ¹² When he died, he was buried at Aijalon in Zebulun. - Judges 12:11–12 (NLT)

3. God Uses The _____

Jair, Ibzan, and Abdon all _____

THE ULTIMATELY SIGNIFICANT IN THE BIG PICTURE

My servant grew up in the Lord's presence like a tender green shoot, like a root in dry ground. There was nothing beautiful or majestic about his appearance, nothing to attract us to him. ³ He was despised and rejected— a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way. He was despised, and we did not care. - Isaiah 53:2–3 (NLT)