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So far we have seen how God raised up _____ judges in order to _____ Israel from their enemies. They were in order – _____ (3:9), _____ (3:15), _____ (3:31), _____ (4:4) & _____ (6:11). It is noteworthy that when Gideon was asked by his _____ to _____ over them together with his son, he refused saying that the _____ shall rule over you (8:23). This exchange serves to highlight the struggle that has been taking place ever since the _____ until _____ and which is the most relevant question during the period of the judges.

Following Gideon, came _____. Abimelech, who was Gideon's son through a _____. Abimelech was not a judge whom God _____ as was said of the others, but a _____ & a _____ who died an ignoble death as a _____ of his evil.

Judges 10:1-18 – Especially verse 6 which is the “_____ passage” in the record of the Judges

1. Here we are introduced to two more men who are said to have _____ Israel. They are _____ & _____. Tola judged _____ years and after him Jair judged Israel _____ years. Jair died and the sons of Israel _____ in the sight of the Lord and served _____, the _____, the gods of _____, the gods of _____, the gods of _____, the gods of the sons of _____ and the gods of the _____. As the text says, “Thus they _____ the Lord and _____ serve Him”.
2. After being afflicted and _____ for 18 years as a result of their faithlessness, the sons of Israel cried out to the Lord, _____ their idolatry. The text here says the Lord _____ things to Israel, but does not reveal _____ he said them. In any case, he told them to go _____ to the _____ they have chosen so that they might deliver them. Even under these circumstances, God is patiently _____ with his people in order to bring them to _____. Finally, they _____ the foreign gods and we are told that God could _____ the _____ of Israel no longer. When the _____ camp against Israel in Gilead, the Israelites gather in _____ and ask the question, “Who is the _____ who will begin to fight against Ammon?”

Judges 11:1-28 – “_____ in _____” will come to mind here

3. Jephthah was a _____, but his mother was a _____. His father, _____, had other sons and they drove him away because of who his mother was. When Ammon attacked, however, the

_____ of Gilead sought him to be their leader. They promised that if he fought for them, they would make him _____ over them. To this agreement, he consented, and the text says Jephthah _____ all these words before the _____ in Mizpah.

4. Rather than immediately go into battle against the Ammonites, he first used _____. He sent messengers to Ammon asking why they fought against Israel. Their reason was that Israel had _____ their _____ from them and they fought to take it back. Jephthah responded by saying that Israel only kept what _____ gave them, so the Ammonites should in turn keep what _____ give them. He further reasoned that the land had been in Israel's possession for _____ years and Ammon had not _____ to take it back in that time. In closing his remarks, he said, "May the _____ be the _____ between them. The Ammonites _____ Jephthah's message.

Judges 11:29-40 – Victory with _____. Deuteronomy 23:21-23 remembered

5. The _____ of the _____ came upon Jephthah as he approached his enemies. Before engaging in battle, he made a _____ to God that whatever came out of the _____ of his house upon his return, he would offer up as a _____. God did indeed grant a great victory to Jephthah as he struck the Ammonites and "_____ " as the text says, and the sons of Ammon were _____.
6. At Jephthah's return to _____, his _____ was the first to come out of the _____ of the house to greet him. She was his _____ child. Seeing her, he _____ his _____ and lamented what he had done. She responded, "*My father, you have given your _____ to the Lord, do to me as you have _____, since the Lord has _____ you of your enemies.*" The text _____ to indicate that rather than becoming a _____, she remained a _____ throughout her life. From this arose a _____ in Israel, that the _____ of Israel went annually to commemorate this young lady for _____ days in the year.