

Jephthah's Chiastic Career

A Leader Gained & Lost	10:17-11:11 (13 vv)		12:7 (1v)
Attempted Diplomacy	With Ammon 11:12-28 (17)		With Ephraim 12:1-6 (6)
A Vow Made & Performed	11:29-31 (3)		11:34-40 (7)
Divine Deliverance	11:32-33 the Lord delivered them		

Contentious Ephraim

Gideon, Judges 8	Jephthah, Judges 12
<p>8:1 And the men of Ephraim said unto him, Why hast thou served us thus, that thou calledst קרא H7121 us not, when thou wentest to fight with the Midianites?</p>	<p>12:1 And the men of Ephraim gathered themselves together, and went northward [or: to Zaphon], and said unto Jephthah, Wherefore passedst thou over to fight against the children of Ammon, and didst not call קרא H7121 us to go with thee?</p>
<p>And they did chide ריב H7378 with him sharply.</p>	<p>we will burn thine house upon thee with fire.</p>
<p>2 And he said unto them, What have I done now in comparison of you? Is not the gleaning of the grapes of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abiezer? 3 God hath delivered into your hands the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb: and what was I able to do in comparison of you?</p>	<p>2 And Jephthah said unto them, I and my people were at great strife with the children of Ammon; and when I called זעק H2199 you, ye delivered me not out of their hands. 3 And when I saw that ye delivered me not, I put my life in my hands, and passed over against the children of Ammon, and the LORD delivered them into my hand: wherefore then are ye come up unto me this day, to fight against me?</p>
<p>Then their anger was abated toward him, when he had said that.</p>	<p>4 Then Jephthah gathered together all the men of Gilead, and fought with Ephraim:</p>

Ephraim in Judges

Military Activity:

Jdg 3:27 And it came to pass, when he was come, that he blew a trumpet **in the mountain of Ephraim**, and the children of Israel went down with him from the mount, and he before them. 28 And he said unto them, Follow after me: for the LORD hath delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand. And they went down after him, and **took the fords of Jordan** toward Moab, and suffered not a man to pass over.

Jdg. 5:14 **some from Ephraim**, whose root is in Amalek

Jdg 7:24 And Gideon sent messengers throughout **all mount Ephraim**, saying, Come down against the Midianites, and take before them **the waters unto Bethbarah and Jordan**. Then all the men of Ephraim gathered themselves together, and took the waters unto Bethbarah and Jordan.

Judges from Ephraim?

Jdg. 4:5 And she dwelt under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and **Bethel in mount Ephraim**: and the children of Israel came up to her for judgment.

Jdg. 10:1 And after Abimelech there arose to defend Israel Tola the son of Puah, the son of Dodo, a man of Issachar; and he dwelt in Shamir **in mount Ephraim**.

Jdg. 12:15 And Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite died, and was buried in Pirathon **in the land of Ephraim**, in the mount of the Amalekites.

Ephraim and Manasseh

Gen. 41:50 And unto Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came, ... 51 And Joseph called the name of the firstborn **Manasseh**: ... 52 And the name of the second called he **Ephraim**: ...

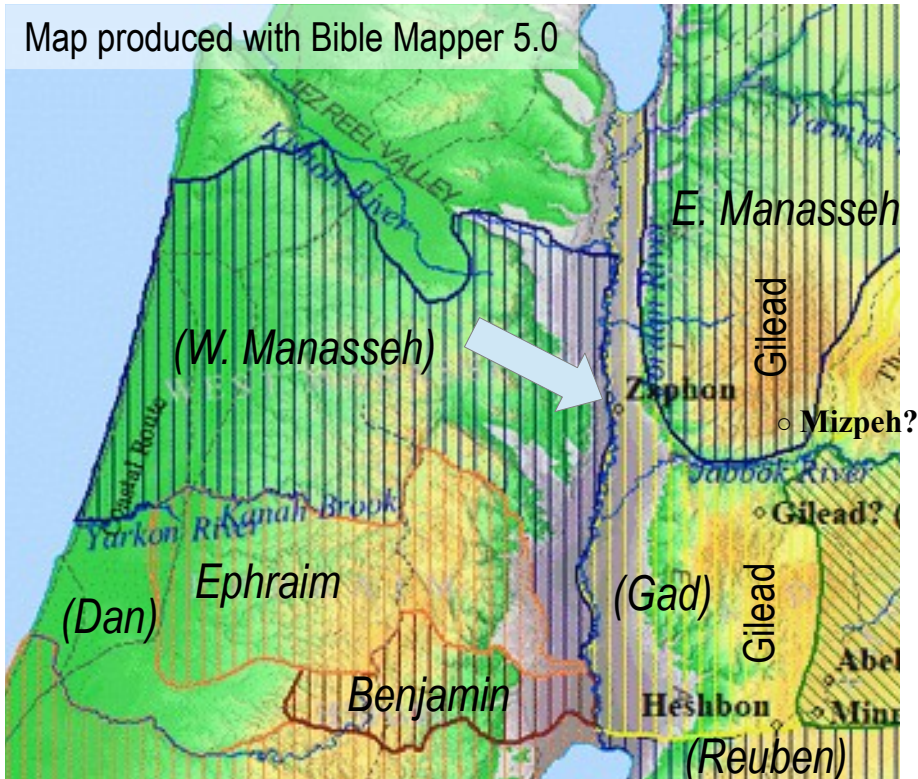
Gen. 48:13 And Joseph took them both, **Ephraim** in his right hand **toward Israel's left hand**, and **Manasseh** in his left hand **toward Israel's right hand**, and brought them near unto him. 14 And Israel stretched out his **right** hand, and laid it upon **Ephraim's** head, who was the younger, and his **left** hand upon **Manasseh's** head, guiding his hands wittingly; for Manasseh was the firstborn. ... 20 ... **and he set Ephraim before Manasseh.**

Isa 7:1 And it came to pass in the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, that Rezin the king of **Syria**, and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of **Israel**, went up toward Jerusalem to war against it, but could not prevail against it. 2 And it was told the house of David, saying, **Syria** is confederate with **Ephraim**.

Meeting with Ephraim

12:1 And the men of Ephraim gathered themselves together, and went northward [or: to Zaphon]

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Judg. 10:9 the children of Ammon passed over Jordan to fight also against Judah, and against Benjamin, and against the house of **Ephraim** ...

12:7 Jephthah the Gileadite... was buried in one of the cities of Gilead.

Deut 34:6 no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day.

The Dangers of Victory

Person	Spiritual Victory	Fleshly Failing
Jephthah	Judg 11:32-33, Ammon	Judg 12:4-6, war with Ephraim
Gideon	Judg 7, Midian	Judg 8, vengeance on Zebah and Zalmunna; abuse of Succoth and Penuel; golden ephod
David	Victories in 2 Samuel: ark (6), covenant (7), Mephibosheth (9), secure borders (8, 10)	2 Samuel 11, Bathsheba
Elijah	1 Kings 18, prophets of Baal on Mt Carmel	1 Ki 19:4, spiritual depression
Paul	2 Cor 12:7b the abundance of the revelations	2 Cor 12:7a exalted above measure