

**10**[1] And after Abimelech, Tola, son of Puah<sup>1</sup> son of Dodo<sup>2</sup> a man of Issachar, arose to save Israel, and he dwelt in Shamir on mount Ephraim. [2] And he judged Israel twenty three years, and he died and was buried in Shamir. [3] And after him arose Jair the Gileadite, and he judged Israel twenty two years. [4] And he had thirty sons who rode on thirty donkeys, and they had thirty cities. They have called them village<sup>3</sup> of Jair to this day which are in the land of Gilead. [5] And Jair died and was buried in Kamon.<sup>4</sup>

[6] And sons of Israel again did the bad in eyes of Yehvah, and they served the Baals, and the Ashtaroths, and gods of Aram,<sup>5</sup> and gods of Sidon, and gods of Moab, and gods of sons of Ammon, and gods of Philistines. And they forsook Yehvah and did not serve him. [7] And anger of Yehvah was hot against Israel, and he sold them into hand of Philistines and into hand of sons of Ammon. [8] And they shattered<sup>6</sup> and crushed<sup>7</sup> sons of Israel in that year, for eighteen years all sons of Israel who were beyond the Jordan in the land of the Amorite which is in the Gilead.

[9] And sons of Ammon crossed over the Jordan to fight also against Judah and against Benjamin and against house of Ephraim. And it was very distressing to Israel. [10] And sons of Israel cried out to Yehvah saying, “We have sinned against you, even because we have forsaken our Gods and served the Baals.” [11] And Yehvah said to sons of Israel, “Not from Egyptians, and from the Amorite, and from sons of Ammon, and from Philistines? [12] And Sidonians, and Amalek, and Maon, they oppressed you and you cried out to me, and I saved you from their hand. [13] And you have forsaken me and served other gods. Therefore, I am not again to save you. [14] Go and cry out to the gods you have chosen. Let them save you in time of your distress.”

[15] And sons of Israel said to Yehvah, “We have sinned. You do to us according to all the good in your eyes. Only, deliver us, please, this day.” [16] And they put away the gods of the foreigner<sup>8</sup> from their midst and served Yehvah. And his soul was short<sup>9</sup> in Israel's trouble. [17] And sons of Ammon were called together<sup>10</sup> and encamped against Gilead. And sons of Israel did also and encamped in the Mizpah. [18] And the people, leaders of Gilead, said to each his neighbor, “Who is the man who will begin to fight against sons of Ammon. He will be for a head for all inhabitants of Gilead.”

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1 פּוּאָה (pu'âh) “Puah” - found also in 1 Chronicles 7:1. There is also “Puah” (spelled slightly differently, פּוּעָה [pu'âh]) in Exodus 1:15. There is also פּוּהָ (puvâh), see Numbers 26:23.

2 דּוֹדוֹ (dodo) “Dodo” = either “his uncle” (e.g. 1 Samuel 10:16) or his “beloved” (e.g. Song of Songs 1:13) - found also in 2 Samuel 23:9, 24; 1 Chronicles 11:12, 26.

3 חַוּוֹת (chavvot) - “village” - this is the same word for “Eve” (Genesis 3:20; 4:1). See footnote for Numbers 32:41.

4 קָמוֹן (Qâmon) “Kamon” NAS; “Camon” NKJV, KJV – only here.

5 אַרָּם ('arâm) “Aram” YLT, NAS; “Syria” NKJV, KJV – see footnote for Genesis 10:22.

6 יִרְעָצוּ (yir'atsu) “shattered” CSB, EHV, NIV, TLV; “harassed” NKJV; “afflicted” NAS; “vexed” KJV – found also only in Exodus 15:6 (“dashed . . . in pieces” NKJV; “shatters” NAS).

7 יִרְעָצוּ (yerotstsu) “crushed” CSB, NAS; “oppressed” NKJV, KJV – same word for “crushed” NKJV in Judges 9:53.

8 אֱלֹהֵי הַנֶּכָר (elohay hannêkâr) “gods of the foreigner” - Green “the gods of the alien”; YLT “the gods of the stranger”; “foreign gods” NKJV, NAS; “strange gods” KJV. This phrase is also found in Genesis 35:2, 4; Joshua 24:23; 1 Samuel 7:3; 2 Chronicles 33:15.

9 תִּקְצַר (tiqtzar) “was short” - NKJV “could no longer endure”; NAS “could bear” NAS; KJV “was grieved” - same word e.g. in Numbers 11:23 “been shortened” (NKJV), translated “impatient” (NKJV, NAS) in Job 21:4.

10 יִצְטָקוּ (yitsâ'aku) “were called together” Green; “are called together” YLT; “gathered together” NKJV, KJV, NAS – same root word (but here passive, Niphil) in Judges 10:12 for “cried out.”