أَوَاجْتَمَعَ رِجَالُ أَفْرَايِمَ وَعَبَرُوا إِلَى جِهَةِ الشِّمَالِ، وَقَالُوا لِيَفْتَاحَ، لِمَاذَا عَبَرْتَ لِمُحَارَبَةٍ بَنِي عَمُّونَ وَلَمْ تَدْعُنَا لِلدَّهَابِ مَعَكَ. نُحْرِقُ بَيْتَكَ عَلَيْكَ بِنَارٍ. ُفَقَالَ لَهُمْ يَفْتَاحُ، صَاحِبَ خِصَام شَدِيدٍ كُنْتُ أَنَا وَشَعْبِي مَعَ بَنِي عَمُّونَ، وَنَادَتْتُكُمْ فَلَمْ ۗ تُخَلِّصُونِي مِنْ يَدِهِمْ. ۚ وَلَمَّا رَأَيْتُ أَنَّكُمْ لاَ تُخَلِّصُونَ، وَضَعْتُ نَفْسي فِي يَدِي وَعَبَرْتُ إِلَى بَنِي عَمُّونَ، فَدَفَعَهُمُ الرَّبُّ لِيَدِي. فَلِمَاذَا صَعِدْتُمْ عَلَيَّ الْيَوْمَ هَذَا لِمُحَارَبَتِي.. وَجَمَعَ يَفْتَاحُ كُلَّ رِجَالٍ جِلْعَادَ وَحَارَتَ أَفْرَايِمَ، فَضَرَبَ رِجَالُ جِلْعَادَ أَفْرَايِمَ لأَنَّهُمْ قَالُوا، أَنْتُمْ مُنْفَلْتُو أَفْرَاكِمَ. حَلْعَادُ بَنْنَ أَفْرَاكِمَ وَمَنَسَّى. ۚ فَأَخَـذَ الْجِلْعَادِيُّونَ مَخَاوِضَ الأَرْدُنِّ لأَفْرَايِـمَ. وَكَانَ إِذْ قَالَ مُنْفَلِتُو أَفْرَايِمَ، دَعُونِي أَعْبُرْ. كَانَ رِجَالُ جِلْعَادَ يَسْأَلُونَهُ، أَأَنْتَ أَفْرَايمِيٌّ. فَإِنْ قَالَ، لاَّكَانُوا َيقُولُونَ لَهُ، قُلْ إِذاً، شِبُّولَتْ فَيَقُولُ، سَبُّولَتْ وَلَمْ يَتَحَفَّظْ لِلْفْظ بِحَقٍّ. فَكَأَنُوا يَاخُذُونَهُ وَيَذْبَحُونَهُ عَلَى مَخَاوضِ الأَرْدُنِّ. فَسَقَطَ فِي ذَلِكَ الْوَقْتِ مِنْ أَفْرَايِمَ اثْنَان َ وَأَرْبَعُونَ أَلْفاً. ۖ وَقَضَى يَفْتَاحُ لِاسْرَائِيلَ ستَّ سنِينٍ. وَمَاتَ يَفْتَاحُ الْجِلْعَادِيُّ وَدُفِنَ فِي إِحْدَى مُدُن جِلْعَاَدَ. ْوَقَضَى بَعْدَهُ لِإِسْرَائِيلَ إِبْصَانُ مِنْ بَيْتِ لَحْمٍ. وَكَانَ لَهُ تَلاَثُونَ ابْناً وَتَلاَثُونَ ابْنَاً أَرْسَلَهُنَّ إِلَى الْخَارِجِ ۚ وَأَتَى مِنَ الْخَارِجِ بِثَلَاثِينَ ابْنَةً لِبَنِيهِ. وَقَضَى لِإِسْرَائِيلَ سَيْعَ سنِينَ.¹0وَمَاتَ إِبْصَانُ وَدُفنَ فِي بَيْتِ لَحْم.¹¹وَقَصَى بَعْدَهُ لَإَسْرَائِيلَ إِيلُونُ الزَّبُولُونِيُّ. قَضَى لإِسَّرَائِيلَ عَشَرَ سِنِينِ.¹²وَمَاتَ إِيلُونُ الزَّبُولُونِيُّ وَدُفِـنَ فِـٰٓ أَيَّلُـونَ فِـى أَرْضً زَبُولُـونَ. 13 وَقَصَـى بَعْـدَهُ لْإِسْرَائِيلَ عَبْدُونُ بْنُ هِلِّيلَ الْفَرْعَتُونِيُّ. 14وَكَانَ لَهُ أَرْبَعُونَ ابْناً وَتَلاَثُونَ حَفِيداً يَرْكَبُونَ عَلَى سَبْعِينَ جَحْشاً. قَضَى لإِسْرَائِيلَ ثَمَانِيَ سِنِينِ. 5 وَمَاتَ عَبْدُونُ بْنُ هِلِّيلَ الْفَرْعَتُونِيُّ وَدُفِنَ فِي فَرْعَتُونَ فِي أَرْضِ أَفْرَايمَ فِي حَيَل الْعَمَالِقَة.

¹And the men of Ephraim gathered themselves together, and went northward, and said unto Jephthah, Wherefore passedst thou over to fight against the children of Ammon, and didst not call us to go with thee? we will burn thine house upon thee with fire.²And Jephthah said unto them, I and my people were at great strife with the children of Ammon; and when I called you, ye delivered me not out of their hands. 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? Then Jephthah gathered together all the men of Gilead, and fought with Ephraim: and the men of Gilead smote Ephraim, because they said, Ye Gileadites are fugitives of Ephraim among the Ephraimites, and among the Manassites. And the Gileadites took the passages of Jordan before the Ephraimites: and it was so , that when those Ephraimites which were escaped said, Let me go over; that the men of Gilead said unto him, Art thou an Ephraimite? If he said, Nay; Then said they unto him, Say now Shibboleth: and he said Sibboleth: for he could not frame to pronounce it right. Then they took him, and slew him at the passages of Jordan: and there fell at that time of the Ephraimites forty and two thousand. And Jephthah judged Israel six years. Then died Jephthah the Gileadite, and was buried in one of the cities of Gilead. And after him Ibzan of Bethlehem judged Israel. And he had thirty sons, and

thirty daughters, whom he sent abroad, and took in thirty daughters from abroad for his sons. And he judged Israel seven years. 10 Then died Ibzan, and was buried at Bethlehem. 11 And after him Elon, a Zebulonite, judged Israel; and he judged Israel ten years. 12 And Elon the Zebulonite died, and was buried in Aijalon in the country of Zebulun. 13 And after him Abdon the son of Hillel, a Pirathonite, judged Israel. 14 And he had forty sons and thirty nephews, that rode on threescore and ten ass colts: and he judged Israel eight vears. 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.