

## ~ABDON 1 (36)

(Ab'don) [from a root meaning, **servant**]

- A judge, the son of Hillel the Pirathonite of Ephraim.
- And after him **Abdon** the son of Hillel the Pirathonite began to judge Israel. (**Judges 12:13**)
- And he came to have forty sons and thirty grandsons who rode on seventy full-grown asses. And he continued to judge Israel eight years. (**Judges 12:14**)
- Then **Abdon** the son of Hillel the Pirathonite died and was buried in Pirathon in the land of Ephraim in the mountain of the Amalekite. (**Judges 12:15**)
- According to Josephus [*Jewish Antiquities*, V, 273 [vii, 15] ], his rule of eight years was one of peace, and the Bible record makes no mention of wars during that period. **Abdon's** 40 sons and 30 grandsons all **rode on seventy full-grown asses**, a sign of considerable wealth and rank at that time. At the end of his judgeship, **Abdon** was buried in his native Ephraim.
- Some would connect **Abdon** with **Bedan**, mentioned at;
- And Yehowah proceeded to send Jerubbaal and Bedan and Jephthah and Samuel and deliver you out of the hand of your enemies all around, that you might dwell in security. (**1 Samuel 12:11**)
- However, Bedan is more likely identified with Barak, whose name appears in this text in both the *Greek Septuagint* and the *Syriac Peshitta*.