

**~IBZAN (40)**  
**(Ib'zan)**

- The one who succeeded Jephthah as judge of Israel. **Ibzan** was the father of 30 sons and 30 daughters, indicating that he was a polygamist and evidently also a man of some means.
- He procured 30 daughters as wives for his sons. After judging for seven years, **Ibzan** died and was buried in his native city of Bethlehem, likely the Bethlehem in Zebulun.
- And Jephthah continued to judge Israel for six years, after which Jephthah the Gileadite died and was buried in his city in Gilead. (**Judges 12:7**)
- And **Ibzan** from Bethlehem began to judge Israel after him. (**Judges 12:8**)
- And he came to have thirty sons and thirty daughters. He sent outside and brought in thirty daughters for his sons from outside. And he continued to judge Israel for seven years. (**Judges 12:9**)
- Then **Ibzan** died and was buried in Bethlehem. (**Judges 12:10**)
- Next the third lot came up for the sons of Zebulun by their families, and the boundary of their inheritance came to be as far as Sarid. (**Joshua 19:10**)
- And the boundary went around it on the north to Hannathon, and its terminations proved to be at the valley of Iphtah-el. (**Joshua 19:14**)
- And Kattath and Nahalal and Shimron and Idalah and Bethlehem, twelve cities and their settlements. (**Joshua 19:15**)

**See Also BETHLEHEM 2**