

Last week, we studied the rise and fall of king Abimelech. After his death, the people of Ammon gathered together and encamped in Gilead. And the leaders of Gilead started looking for a man who will begin the fight against the people of Ammon – after all, the Ammonites were camping in their land! Now in **Chapter 11**, we find out that they have chosen **Jephthah!**



JEPHTHAH

a man who misunderstood God

Monday: Jephthah

- 1.) Describe Jephthah?

- 2.) Why was Jephthah 'thrown out' from his own home?

- 3.) Why did the people of Gilead request that Jephthah be their commander after they had previously abandoned him?

- 4.) Complete Jephthah's response "...if you take me back home to _____ against the people of Ammon, and the _____ delivers them to me, shall I be your _____"
- 5.) Why did the Ammonites declare war on Gilead?

- 6.) What did the king of Ammon request from Jephthah?

- 7.) What did the Israelites request from the king of Edom, the king of Maob, sihon king of the Ammorites and king of Heshbon?
" _____ "
- 8.) Complete the verse "And the lord _____ delivered sihon and all his people into the hand of Israel and they _____ them."
- 9.) What is Jephthah's strongest point in his letter to the King of Ammon? (Hint: v 23-25)

- 10.) Complete the verse "whatever the Lord our God takes _____ of before us, we will _____"
- 11.) Complete the verse "May the lord, the _____, render judgment this day between the children of _____ and the people of _____."

Tuesday: Jephthah's vow and Victory

- 1.) Complete the verse of his vow "if you will indeed _____ the people of _____ into my hand. Then it will be that whatever comes out of the doors of my _____ to meet me, when I return in _____ from the people of Ammon shall surely be the lords and I will offer as a _____"
- 2.) How many cities did the Lord deliver into his hands?

- 3.) Who came out to meet Jephthah?

- 4.) How many children did Jephthah have?

- 5.) Why did Jephthah tear his clothes?

- 6.) Complete the verse "I have given my word to the _____, I _____ go back on it"
- 7.) For how many months did she wander in the mountains?

- 8.) What became custom in Israel?

What can we learn from this?

We must be very careful when we make promises to the lord for *“it is better not to vow (promise) than to vow and not pay”* (Ecclesiastes 5:5)

Chapter 12

Wednesday: Jephthah’s conflict with Ephraim

1.) Explain why the men of Ephraim are angry with Jephthah?

2.) What did they threaten to do to him? _____

3.) Now Jephthah gathered together all the men of Gilead and fought against Ephraim? Who won the battle?

4.) How many Ephraimites died? _____

Thursday: The death of Jephthah

1.) For how long did Jephthah judge Israel? _____

2.) complete the verse “Jephthah the _____ died and was _____ among the cities of _____.

Friday:

1.) Who became the next judge? _____

2.) how many sons did he have? _____

3.) How long did he judge Israel? _____

4.) Who was the next Judge after him? _____

5.) For how long did this judge serve Israel? _____

6.) Who took over after him? (hint: son of hillel) _____

7.) how many sons and grandsons did he have? _____

8.) how many donkeys did they ride? _____

9.) For how many years did he serve Israel? _____



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