

Study Guide on Judges 11:4-11 & 29-31

New Revised Standard Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

Judges 11:4-11 & 29-31

(Judges 11:4) After a time the Ammonites made war against Israel.

(Judges 11:5) And when the Ammonites made war against Israel, the elders of Gilead went to bring Jephthah from the land of Tob.

(Judges 11:6) They said to Jephthah, "Come and be our commander, so that we may fight with the Ammonites."

(Judges 11:7) But Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, "Are you not the very ones who rejected me and drove me out of my father's house? So why do you come to me now when you are in trouble?"

(Judges 11:8) The elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, "Nevertheless, we have now turned back to you, so that you may go with us and fight with the Ammonites, and become head over us, over all the inhabitants of Gilead."

(Judges 11:9) Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, "If you bring me home again to fight with the Ammonites, and the LORD gives them over to me, I will be your head."

(Judges 11:10) And the elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, "The LORD will be witness between us; we will surely do as you say."

(Judges 11:11) So Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him head and commander over them; and Jephthah spoke all his words before the LORD at Mizpah.

(Judges 11:29) Then the spirit of the LORD came upon Jephthah, and he passed through Gilead and Manasseh. He passed on to Mizpah of Gilead, and from Mizpah of Gilead he passed on to the Ammonites.

(Judges 11:30) And Jephthah made a vow to the LORD, and said, "If you will give the Ammonites into my hand,

(Judges 11:31) then whoever comes out of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return victorious from the Ammonites, shall be the LORD's, to be offered up by me as a burnt offering.”

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?