

# **The Book of Judges: Chapters 10 & 11**

*Sunday, November 10 – Wednesday, November 13*

## **Chapter 10:** Sunday, November 10

**(1 – 2)** Who became judge after the events involving Abimelech, and how long did he serve in that capacity?

**(3 – 5)** Who served as judge after Tola, and how long did he serve?

**(6 – 9)** Describe the situation in Israel as articulated in this passage. How did the Israelites sin against God, and how did He respond? What two nations did God allow to oppress the Israelites?

**(10)** As a result of the oppression that the Israelites encountered from their enemies, what action did the people take?

**(11 – 14)** How did God respond to the people's pleas for help? What historical perspective did God provide, and how did this response differ from previous responses that He had given to the Israelites in similar situations?

**(15 – 16)** Describe the response of the Israelites. What actions did they take, and what did those actions indicate about their faith? How was God's attitude toward the Israelites described?

**(17 – 18)** From the end of the chapter, describe the situation between the Ammonites and the Israelites in the region of Gilead (east of the Jordan River). What did the people of Israel seek as the situation intensified?

## **Chapter 11:** Wednesday, November 13

**(1 – 3)** Describe Jephthah's background and family situation. Why had Jephthah been forced to leave his home, and what had he been doing to sustain himself?

**(4 – 6)** What request did the elders in Gilead make to Jephthah? What situation led to their request?

**(7 – 11)** How did Jephthah respond to the request for him to command the army against the Ammonites? What assurance did he seek from the elders, and how did they respond? Who would be the witness to the agreement?

**(12 – 13)** What message did Jephthah send to the Ammonite king? What explanation did the king provide in his response to Jephthah's query, and what demand did the king make?

**(14 – 18)** What historical perspective did Jephthah provide in his next message to the Ammonite king in response to the king's claim that the Israelites were occupying his territory? (*Numbers 20: 18 – 20; Numbers 21: 13*)

**(19 – 22)** What additional historical perspective did Jephthah provide in his message to the king? How did Jephthah's response address the fact that the Israelites had a right to occupy the land claimed by the Ammonite king? (*Numbers 21: 21 – 24*)

**(23 – 28)** How did Jephthah conclude his argument in his message to the Ammonite king? What points did he make in his closing statement, and how did the Ammonite king respond to Jephthah's position?

**(29 – 33)** What vow did Jephthah make to the Lord as he and his army advanced toward the Ammonites? What was the result of the battle?

**(34 – 35)** Who came out of Jephthah's tent when he returned from the battle? How did Jephthah respond?

**(36 – 40)** How did Jephthah's daughter respond to the vow that her father had made, and what did her response indicate about her faith? What did she ask of her father before he carried out his vow? What was the result of the vow that Jephthah had made to the Lord? (*Deuteronomy 23: 21 – 23; Leviticus 27: 1 – 8*)