

Year 2

Week 59

Jephthah's Daughter

Scriptures: Judges 10, 11

Key Verse: Judges 11:36 “My father, if you have given your word to the LORD, do to me according to what has gone out of your mouth”

Key Points:

1. Jephthah was forced out of his home by his brothers because he had a different mother.
2. Later, when the people of Ammon made war against Israel, the leaders asked Jephthah to lead them in battle. He agreed, but with the understanding that he would become their judge if the Lord gave him victory over Ammon.
3. Jephthah tried to reason with the king of Ammon that God had given the lands of the Moabites and the Amorites to Israel hundreds of years ago, and that Ammon had no claim to them. The king refused to listen.
4. Before going into battle, Jephthah promised God that if Israel won he would dedicate to God whoever met him on his return.
5. When Jephthah came home, his only child met him to celebrate the victory. Sadly, he told her his promise.
6. She asked for two months to mourn that she would never marry or have children. Then she was dedicated to serve God the rest of her life.

A noble, but unnecessary Vow!

“If you give the Ammonites into my hands, whatever comes out of the door of my house when I return in triumph from the Ammonites will be the Lord’s, and I will sacrifice it as a burnt offering.”

(Judges 11:30-31)

The battle was God’s.
It was already won!





My father," she replied, "you have given your word to the Lord. Do to me just as you promised, now that the Lord has avenged you of your enemies, the Ammonites. But grant me this one request," she said. "Give me two months to roam the hills and weep with my friends, because I will never marry."

Judges 11:36-37

Jeptha's Daughter

Fill in the blank

Judges 11

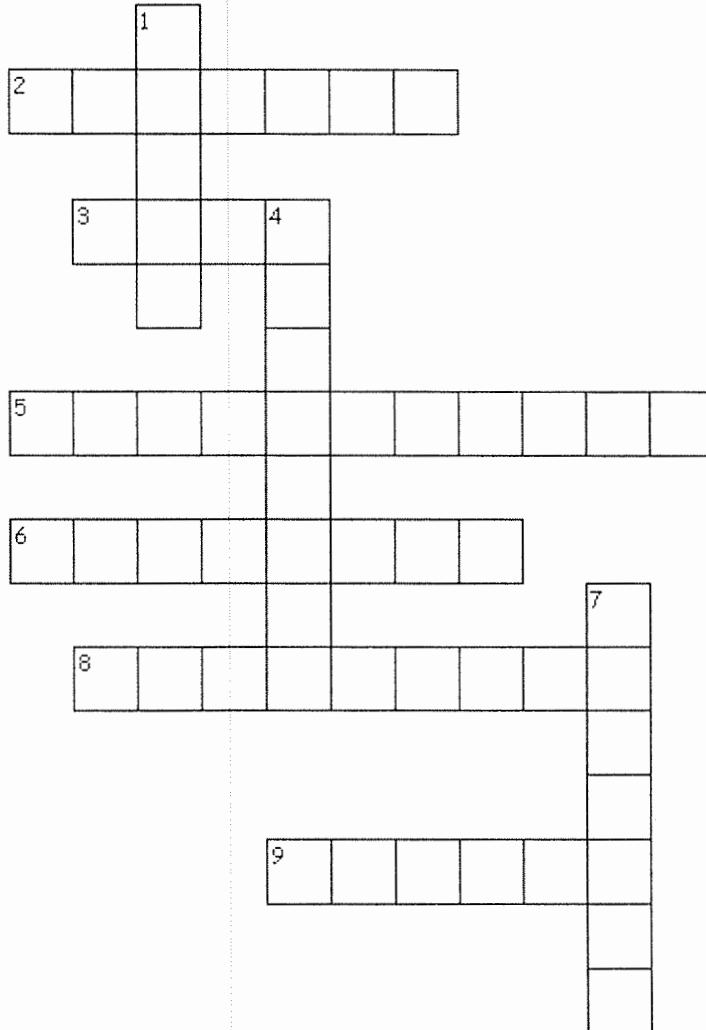
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29 Then the _____ of the Lord came upon Jephthah, and he passed through _____ and Manasseh, and passed through _____ of Gilead; and from Mizpah of Gilead he advanced *toward* the people of _____.

30 And Jephthah made a vow to the Lord, and said, "If You will indeed _____ the people of Ammon into my hands, **31** then it will be that whatever comes out of the doors of my _____ to meet me, when I return in peace from the people of Ammon, shall surely be the Lord's, and I will offer it up as a _____."

32 So Jephthah advanced toward the people of Ammon to fight against them, and the Lord delivered them into his hands. **33** And he defeated them from Aroer as far as Minnith— _____ —and to Abel Keramim,^[a] with a very great slaughter. Thus the people of Ammon were _____ before the children of _____. **31** then it will be that whatever comes out of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in _____ from the people of Ammon, shall surely be the Lord's, and I will offer it up as a burnt offering."**34** When Jephthah came to his house at _____, there was his daughter, coming out to meet him with _____ and dancing; and she *was his* only child. Besides her he had neither son nor _____. **35** And it came to pass, when he saw her, that he tore his _____, and said, "Alas, my daughter! You have _____ me very low! You are among those who _____ me! For I have given my _____ to the _____, and I cannot go back on it."

Jepthah's Vow



Across

2. What the daughter danced with
3. Who Jepthah made the vow with
5. What happened to the people of Ammon
6. Where Jepthah's daughter went to mourn
8. What Jepthah vowed to do to his daughter
9. Where Jepthah lived

Down

1. People Jepthah wanted to defeat
4. The relative who mourned 2 years
7. Man who made vow

9 of 9 words were placed into the puzzle.

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