

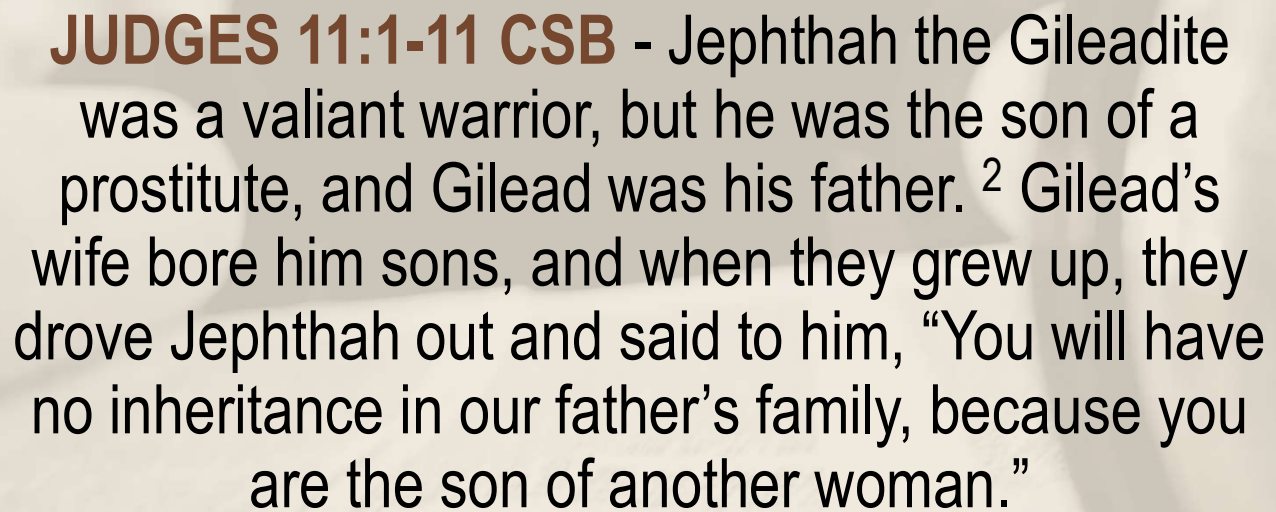
WHAT ABOUT

Jephthah?

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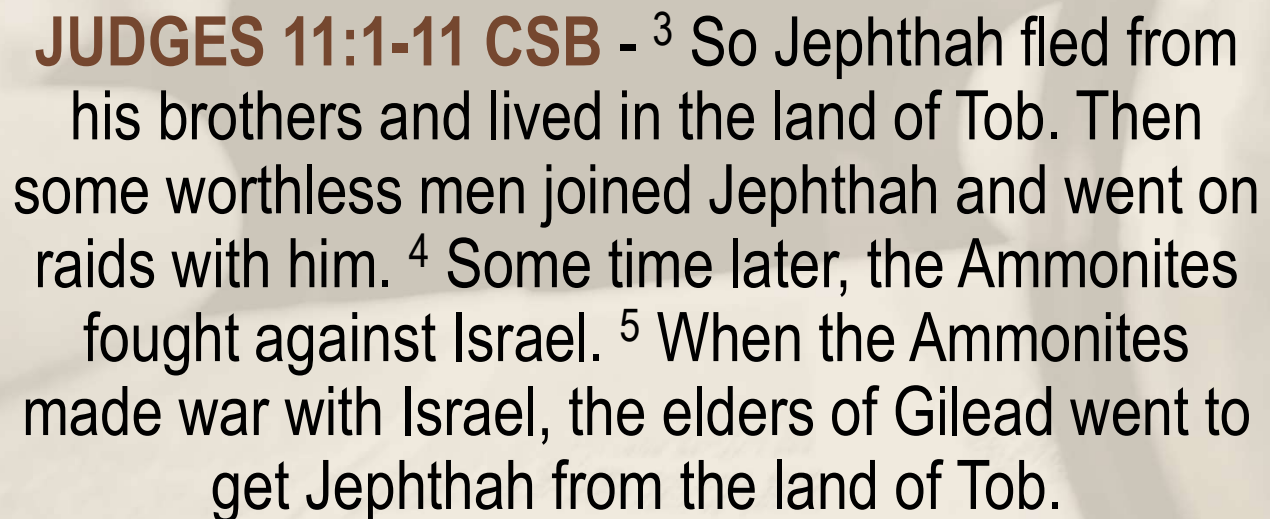
JUDGES 21:25 CSB - In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did whatever seemed right to him.

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JUDGES 11:1-11 CSB - Jephthah the Gileadite was a valiant warrior, but he was the son of a prostitute, and Gilead was his father. ² Gilead's wife bore him sons, and when they grew up, they drove Jephthah out and said to him, "You will have no inheritance in our father's family, because you are the son of another woman."

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JUDGES 11:1-11 CSB - ³ So Jephthah fled from his brothers and lived in the land of Tob. Then some worthless men joined Jephthah and went on raids with him. ⁴ Some time later, the Ammonites fought against Israel. ⁵ When the Ammonites made war with Israel, the elders of Gilead went to get Jephthah from the land of Tob.

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JUDGES 11:1-11 CSB - ⁶ They said to him, “Come, be our commander, and let’s fight the Ammonites.” ⁷ Jephthah replied to the elders of Gilead, “Didn’t you hate me and drive me out of my father’s family? Why then have you come to me now when you’re in trouble?”

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JUDGES 11:1-11 CSB - ⁸ They answered Jephthah, “That’s true. But now we turn to you. Come with us, fight the Ammonites, and you will become leader of all the inhabitants of Gilead.” ⁹ So Jephthah said to them, “If you are bringing me back to fight the Ammonites and the Lord gives them to me, I will be your leader.”

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JUDGES 11:1-11 CSB - ¹⁰ The elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, “The Lord is our witness if we don’t do as you say.” ¹¹ So Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead. The people made him their leader and commander, and Jephthah repeated all his terms in the presence of the Lord at Mizpah.

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JUDGES 11:29-40 CSB - The Spirit of the Lord came on Jephthah, who traveled through Gilead and Manasseh, and then through Mizpah of Gilead. He crossed over to the Ammonites from Mizpah of Gilead. ³⁰ Jephthah made this vow to the Lord: “If you in fact hand over the Ammonites to me,

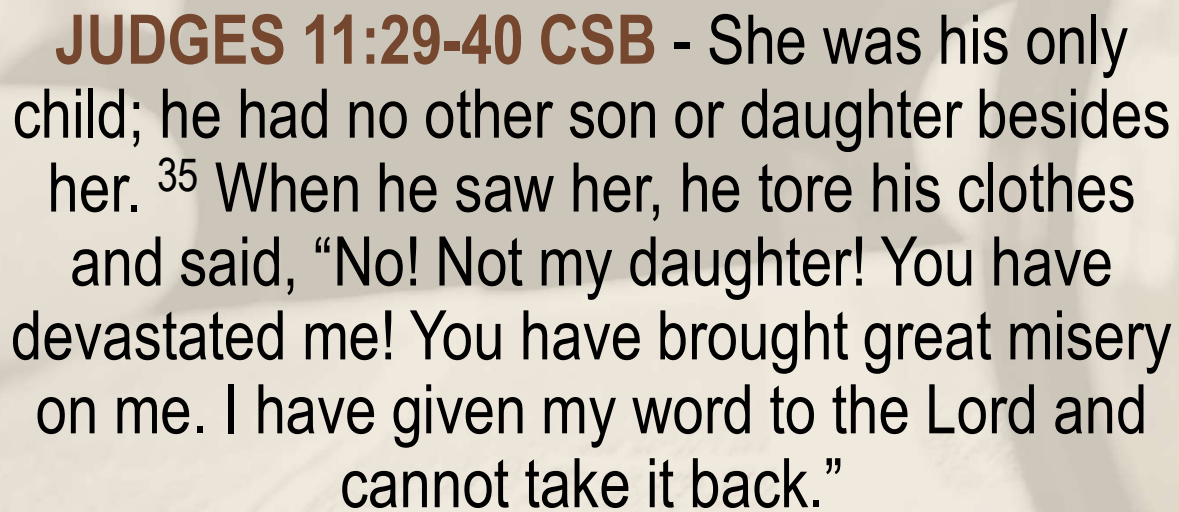
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JUDGES 11:29-40 CSB - ³¹ whoever comes out the doors of my house to greet me when I return safely from the Ammonites will belong to the Lord, and I will offer that person as a burnt offering.” ³² Jephthah crossed over to the Ammonites to fight against them, and the Lord handed them over to him.

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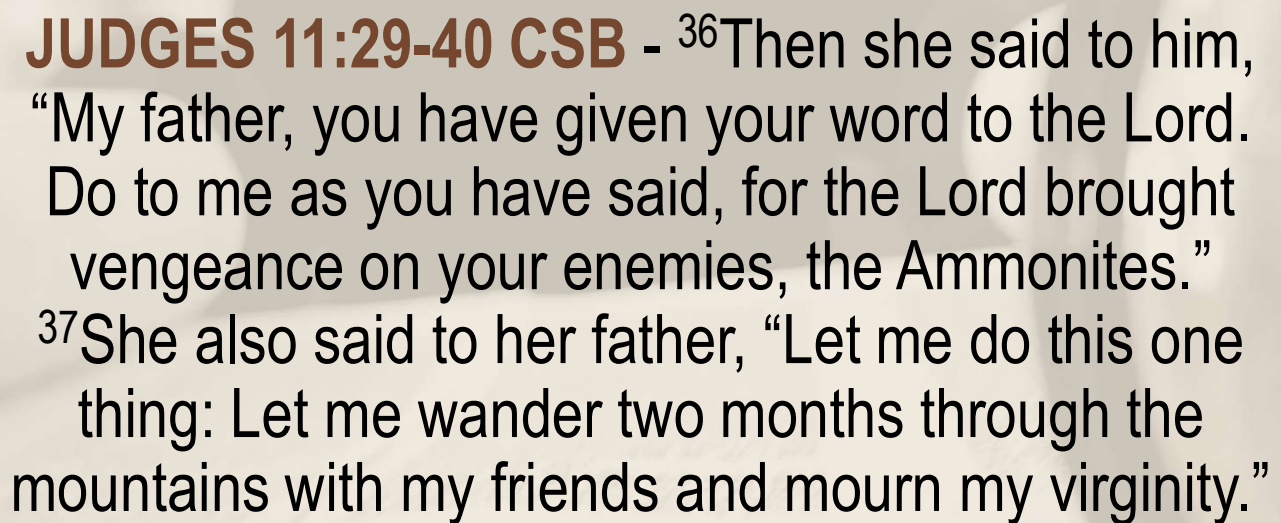
JUDGES 11:29-40 CSB - ³³ He defeated twenty of their cities with a great slaughter from Aroer all the way to the entrance of Minnith and to Abelkeramim. So, the Ammonites were subdued before the Israelites. ³⁴ When Jephthah went to his home in Mizpah, there was his daughter, coming out to meet him with tambourines and dancing!

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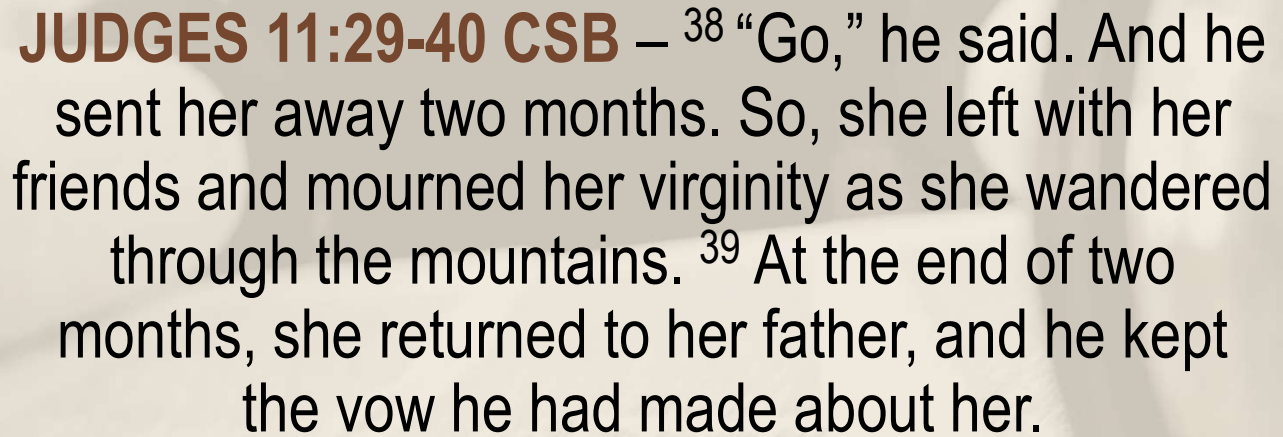
JUDGES 11:29-40 CSB - She was his only child; he had no other son or daughter besides her. ³⁵ When he saw her, he tore his clothes and said, “No! Not my daughter! You have devastated me! You have brought great misery on me. I have given my word to the Lord and cannot take it back.”

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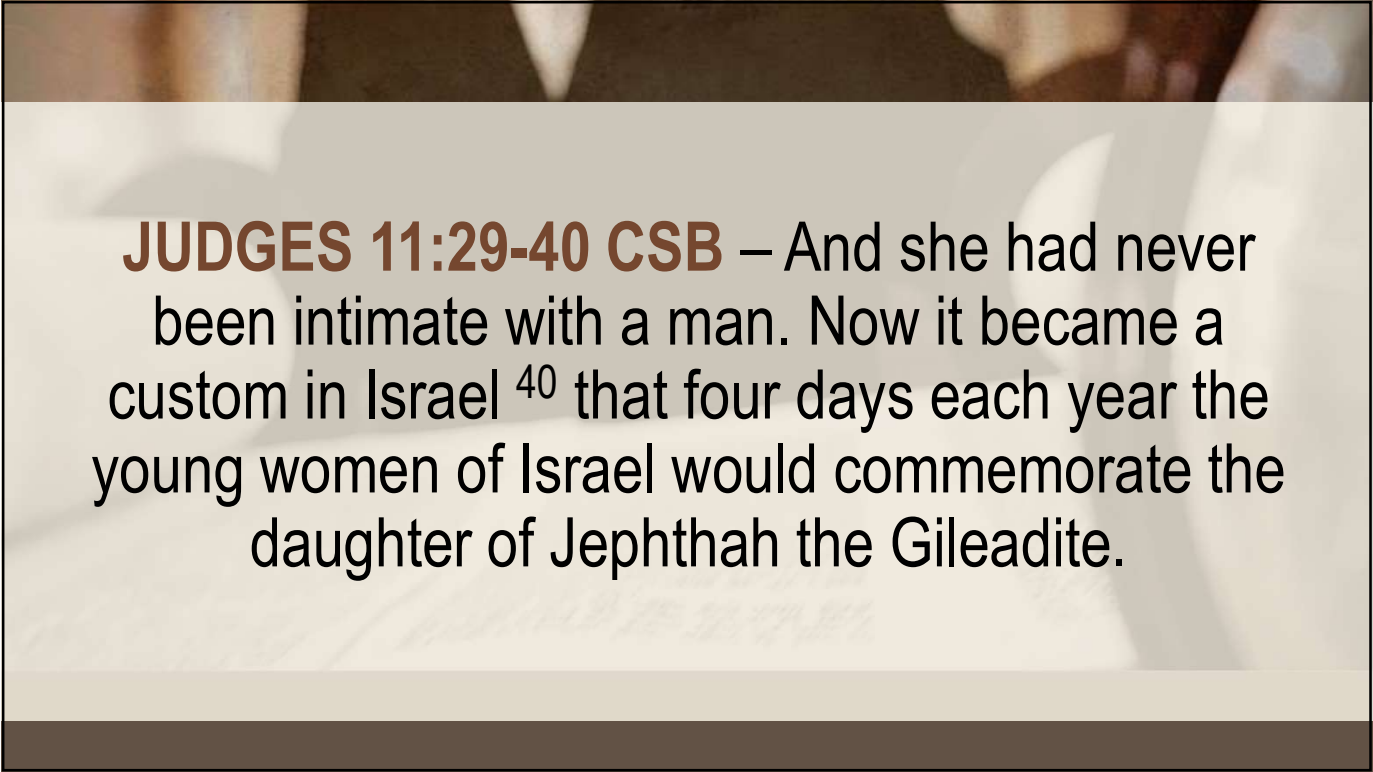
JUDGES 11:29-40 CSB - ³⁶Then she said to him, “My father, you have given your word to the Lord. Do to me as you have said, for the Lord brought vengeance on your enemies, the Ammonites.” ³⁷She also said to her father, “Let me do this one thing: Let me wander two months through the mountains with my friends and mourn my virginity.”

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JUDGES 11:29-40 CSB – ³⁸ “Go,” he said. And he sent her away two months. So, she left with her friends and mourned her virginity as she wandered through the mountains. ³⁹ At the end of two months, she returned to her father, and he kept the vow he had made about her.

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JUDGES 11:29-40 CSB – And she had never been intimate with a man. Now it became a custom in Israel ⁴⁰ that four days each year the young women of Israel would commemorate the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite.

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JUDGES 11:30-31 CSB - Jephthah made this vow to the Lord: “If you in fact hand over the Ammonites to me, ³¹ whoever comes out the doors of my house to greet me when I return safely from the Ammonites will belong to the Lord, and I will offer that person as a burnt offering.”

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HEBREWS 11:32-33 CSB - And what more can I say? Time is too short for me to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets, ³³ who by faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions.

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