## Chukat, Haftarah

Judges 11:1-33

(1) Jephthah the Gileadite was an able warrior, who was the son of a prostitute. Jephthah's father was Gilead; (2) but Gilead also had sons by his wife, and when the wife's sons grew up, they drove Jephthah out. They said to him, "You shall have no share in our father's property, for you are the son of an outsider." (3) So Jephthah fled from his brothers and settled in the Tob country. Men of low character gathered about Jephthah and went out raiding with him. (4) Some time later, the Ammonites went to war against Israel. (5) And when the Ammonites attacked Israel, the elders of Gilead went to bring Jephthah back from the Tob country. (6) They said to Jephthah, "Come be our chief, so that we can

שופטים י"א:א"-ל"ג (א) וְיִפְתָּח הַגִּלְעָדִי הָיָה גִּבְּוֹר חֵׁיִל וְהָוֹא בַּן־אִשָּׁה זוֹנָה וַיִּוֹלֶד גִּלְעֵד אָת־יִפְהָּח: (ב) וַהַּלֶּד אֵשֶׁת־גִּלְעֲד לוֹ בַּנֵים וַיִּגִדְלוּ בַנֵי־הַאִּשַּׁה וַיִּגַרְשִׁוּ אָת־יִפְתַּח וַיָּאמָרוּ לוֹ לא־תִנְחֵל בְּבֵית־אַבְּינוּ כֵּי בָּן־אִשֵׁה אַחֵרֵת אָתָה: (ג) וַיִּבְרָח יִפִּתָּח מִפְּנֵי אֵחִיו וַיִּשֶׁב בָּאֵרֶץ טִוֹב וַיֶּתְלַקְּטָוּ אַל־יִפִּתָּח אַנִשִׁים רֵילִּים וַיֵּצִאָּוּ עִמְוֹ: {פּ} (ד) וַיִּהְי מִיֶּמֵים וַיִּלְּחֲמְוּ בְנֵי־עַמְּוֹן עָם־יִשְׂרָאֱלֹ: (ה) וַיִּהִי בַּאֲשֶׁר־נִלְחֲמִוּ בָנֵי־עַמְּוֹן עם־יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיֵּלְכוּ זְקְנֵי גִּלְעַׁד לָקַחַת אֵת־יִפְתָּח מֵאֵרֵץ טְוֹב: (וּ) וַיּאֹמִרְוּ לִיִפִּתָּח לְבֶּה וְהָיֵיתָה לְּנוּ לַקַצִין וִנַלַחֲמָה בִּבְנֵי עַמְּוֹן: (ז)

וַיָּאמֶר יִפְתַּחֹ לְזִקְנֵי גִּלְעַׁד הַלָּא

fight the Ammonites." (7) Jephthah replied to the elders of Gilead, "You are the very people who rejected me and drove me out of my father's house. How can you come to me now when you are in trouble?" (8) The elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, "Honestly, we have now turned back to you. If you come with us and fight the Ammonites, you shall be our commander over all the inhabitants of Gilead." (9) Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, "[Very well,] if you bring me back to fight the Ammonites and the LORD delivers them to me, I am to be your commander." (10) And the elders of Gilead answered Jephthah, "The LORD Himself shall be witness between us: we will do just as you have said." (11) Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him their commander and chief. And Jephthah repeated all these terms before the LORD at

אַהֶּם שִׁנָאתֶם אוֹתִי וַתִּגַרִשִּׁוּנִי מָבֶּית אָבֵי וּמַדּוּעַ בָּאתֶם אֶלַיּ עַּתָה כַּאֵשֵׁר צַר לַכֶם: (ח) וַיּאׁמִרוּ זָקנֵי גִלְעַד אֵל־יִפִּתַּח לַכֵּן עַתַּה שַׁבְנוּ אֵלֵידְ וְהָלַכְהָ עִשְּׂנוּ וְנִלְחַמְהָ בִּבְגֵי עַמְּוֹן וְהָיִיתָ לָּנוּ לִרֹאשׁ לְכִל ישבי גלעד: (ט) וַיּאמר יִפְּתַּח אַהָּם אַהָּם אַהָּם אַהָּם אַהָּם אַהָּם אוֹתִי לִהְלָחֵם בִּבְנֵי עַמֹּוֹן וְנָתַן יהוה אוֹתָם לְפָנֵי אָנֹלִי אֶהְיֶה לְכֶם לְרָאשׁ: (י) וַיּאמְרָוּ זְקְנֵי־גִּלְעֵד אֱל־יִפְתָּח יהוה יְהְיֶה שֹׁמֵעַ בֵּינוֹתֵּינוּ אָם־לָא כִדְבַרְדָּ כֵּן נַעֲשָׂה: (יא) וַיֵּלֶךְ יִפְתַּחֹ עִם־זִקְנֵי גַּלְעַד וַיַּשִּׁימוּ הַעֵּם אוֹתֵוֹ עַלֵיהֵם לְרָאשׁ וּלְקָאֵין וַיְדַבֵּר יִפְתָּח אַת־כַּל־דָּבַרֵיו לְפָנֵי יהוה בַּמִּצְפַּה: (פּ) (יב) וַיִּשָׁלֵח יִפְתַּח מַלְאַבִּים אֶל־מֱלֶךְ בְּגֵי־עַמְוֹן לֵאמֶר מַה־לֵּי וַלָּדְ כֵּי־בַאתַ אֶלֵי לְהַלַּחֵם בִּאַרְצֵי: (יג) וַיּאֹמֵר מֵלֵךְ בִּגֵי־עַמֹּוֹן

Mizpah. (12) Jephthah then sent messengers to the king of the Ammonites, saying, "What have you against me that you have come to make war on my country?" (13) The king of the Ammonites replied to Jephthah's messengers, "When Israel came from Egypt, they seized the land which is mine, from the Arnon to the Jabbok as far as the Jordan. Now, then, restore it peaceably." (14) Jephthah again sent messengers to the king of the Ammonites. (15) He said to him, "Thus said Jephthah: Israel did not seize the land of Moab or the land of the Ammonites. (16) When they left Egypt, Israel traveled through the wilderness to the Sea of Reeds and went on to Kadesh. (17) Israel then sent messengers to the king of Edom, saying, 'Allow us to cross your country.' But the king of Edom would not consent. They also sent a mission to the king of Moab, and he refused. So Israel,

אַל־מַלְאָבֵי יִפְּהַח בַּי־לַלַּח יִשְׂרָאֵל אָת־אַרִצִּי בַּעֵלוֹתָוֹ מִמְצְרַיִם מָאַרנְוֹן וִעַד־הַיַּבְּק וִעַד־הַיַּרְבָּן ּוִעַתָּה הָשִׁיבָה אֵתְהֵן בִּשָׁלְוֹם: (יד) וַיִּיֹטֶרָה מֵלְאָבִים וַיִּשְׁלַה מֵלְאָבִים אֶל־מֶלֶךְ בְּגֵי עַמְּוֹן: (טו) וַיְּאֹמֶר לֹוֹ כָּה אַמֵר יִפְתַּח לְאֹ־לָקַח יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת־אֱרֶץ מוֹאָב וְאֵת־אֵרֵץ בּגֵי עַמְוֹן: (טז) כֵּי בַּעַלוֹתָם מִמְּצְרֵיִם וַיֵּלֶךְ יִשְׂרָאֵל בַּמִּדְבָּר עַד־יַם־סוּף וַיַּבְא קַדֵשַה: (יז) וַיִּשְׁלַח יִשְׂרָאֵל מַלְאַכֵים ו אֵל־מֶּלֶךְ אֱדֹוֹם ו לֵאמֹר אֶעְבְּרָה־נָּא בְאַרִצִּדְ וִלָּא שַׁמַע מֶלֶך אֱדֹוֹם וְגַֹם אֶל־מֶלֶך מוֹאֲב שַׁלֵח וִלֹא אַבָה וַיֵּשֶׁב יִשְׂרָאֵל בָּקָדֵשׁ: (יח) וַיֵּלֵדְ בַּמִּדְבָּר וַיָּסְב אַת־אָרֵץ אָדוֹם וְאָת־אָרֵץ מוֹאָב וַיָּבָא מִמְּזְרַח־שֵׁמֵשׁ לְאֵרֵץ מוֹאָב וַיַּחֲנִוּן בִּעֵבֵר אַרנָון וִלְא־בָּאוּ בָּגִבְוּל מוֹאֶב כֵּי אַרְנְוֹן גִּבְוּל מוֹאֶב: (יט) וַיִּשְׁלָח יִשְׂרָאֵל

after staying at Kadesh, (18) traveled on through the wilderness, skirting the land of Edom and the land of Moab. They kept to the east of the land of Moab until they encamped on the other side of the Arnon; and, since Moab ends at the Arnon, they never entered Moabite territory. (19) "Then Israel sent messengers to Sihon king of the Amorites, the king of Heshbon. Israel said to him, 'Allow us to cross through your country to our homeland.' (20) But Sihon would not trust Israel to pass through his territory. Sihon mustered all his troops, and they encamped at Jahaz; he engaged Israel in battle. (21) But the LORD, the God of Israel, delivered Sihon and all his troops into Israel's hands, and they defeated them; and Israel took possession of all the land of the Amorites, the inhabitants of that land. (22) Thus they possessed all the territory of the Amorites from

מַלְאַלָּים אֵל־סִיחוֹן מֵלֶדְ־הַאֵּמֹרֵי מֱלֶךְ חֵשְׁבָּוֹן וַיָּאמֶר לוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵׁל (כ) נִעְבְּרָה־נָּא בְאַרְצְּךְּ עַד־מְקוֹמִי: וֹלֹא־הֵאֵמִין סִיחָוֹן אֶת־יִשְׂרָאֵלֹ עַבָר בִּגְבַלוֹ וַיֵּאֵסָף סִיחוֹן אֶת־כָּל־עַמֹּוֹ וַיַּחֲנְוּ בְּיָהְצְה וַיִּלְּחֶם עִם־יִשְׂרָאֱל: (כא) יַּוְיָּהֵׁן יהוה אֱלֹהֱי־יִשְׂרָאֶל אֱת־סִיחָוֹן וָאֵת־כָּל־עַמֶּוֹ בִּיַד יִשִׂרָאֵל וַיַּכְּוּם וַיִּירַשׁ יִשְׂרָאֵל אָת כַּל־אֵרֵץ הָאֵמֹרִי יוֹשֵב הָאָרֵץ הַהִּיא: (כב) וַיֵּירִשׁוּ אָת כַּל־גִּבוּל הַאֱמֹרֵי מֱאַרְנוֹן וִעַד־הַיַּבֹּק וּמְן־הַמִּדְבֵּר וְעַד־הַיַּרְדֵּן: (כג) וְעַתַּה יהוה | אַלהַי יִשְׂרָאֵל הוֹרִישׁ אַת־הָאֵמֹרִי מָפָּגֵי עַמְּוֹ יִשְׁרָאֵל וִאַתָּה תִּירָשֵׁנוּ: (כד) הַלֹא אָת אַשֵּר יוֹרֵישָׁהַ כִּמְוֹשׁ אֱלהֶיךּ אוֹתְוֹ תִירָשׁ וְאֵת בְּל־אֲשֶׁׁר הוֹרִישׁ יהוה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מְפָּנֵינוּ אוֹתְוֹ נִירָשׁ: (כה) וְעַתַּה הַטְוֹב טוֹב אֵתְה מָבַּלֵק בַּן־צִפָּוֹר מֵלֶדְ מוֹאָב הַרְוֹב

the Arnon to the Jabbok and from the wilderness to the Jordan. (23) "Now, then, the LORD, the God of Israel, dispossessed the Amorites before His people Israel; and should you possess their land? (24) Do you not hold what Chemosh your god gives you to possess? So we will hold on to everything that the LORD our God has given us to possess. (25) "Besides, are you any better than Balak son of Zippor, king of Moab? Did he start a quarrel with Israel or go to war with them? (26) "While Israel has been inhabiting Heshbon and its dependencies, and Aroer and its dependencies, and all the towns along the Arnon for three hundred years, why have you not tried to recover them all this time? (27) I have done you no wrong; yet you are doing me harm and making war on me. May the LORD, who judges, decide today between the Israelites and the Ammonites!" (28)

רַב עִם־יִשִּׂרָאֵל אִם־נִלְחִם נִלְחֵם בָּם: (כו) בְּשֶׁבֶת יִּשְׂרָאֵׁל בִּחֵשִׁבּוֹן וּבִבְנוֹתֵׁיהַ וּבְעַרְעִוֹר וּבִבְנוֹתֵיהַ וּבְכַל־הֵעַרִים אֲשֶׁר עַל־יִדֵי אַרְנוֹן שָׁלְשׁ מֵאְוֹת שָׁנָה וּמַדְּוּעַ לְאֹ־הָצַּלְתֵּם בַּעֵת הַהִּיא: (כז) וָאָנֹכִי לֹא־חָטָאתִי לָּךְ וָאַתָּׁה עֹשֵׂה אָתֵי רַעָה לִהָלַחֶם בֵּי יִשְׁפֿט יהוה הַשֹּׁפֵטֹ הַיּוֹם בֵּין בְּגֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וּבֵין בְּנֵי עַמְּוֹן: (כח) וְלְא שָׁלֵּע מֵלֶך בָּנֵי עַמָּוֹן אֱל־דָּבְרֵי יִפְּלַּח אֱשֵׁר שַׁלַח אֵלֵיו: {פּ} (כט) וַתִּהִי על־יִפִּתָּחֹ רְוּחַ יהוה וַיַּצִבְר אָת־הַגִּלְעֵד וְאֵת־מְנַשֵּׁה וַיַּעֲבֹר' אַת־מִצְפֶּה גִּלְעַד וּמִמְצְפֵּה גִּלְעַׁד עַבַר בִּנֵי עַמְּוֹן: (ל) וַיִּיַּר יִפְּתָּח נֵדֵר לַיהוה וַיֹּאמֶר אָם־נַתְוֹן תְּתֵּן אַת־בָּנֵי עַמְּוֹן בְּיָדֵי: (לא) וְהָיֶה הַיּוֹצֵא אֵשֵׁר יֵצֵא מְדַּלְתֵי בֵיתִי לְקָרָאתִי בִּשוּבֵי בִשַׁלְוֹם מִבְּנֵי עַמְּוֹן וָהָיָה לֵיהוה וְהַעֲלִיתְיהוּ

But the king of the Ammonites paid no heed to the message that Jephthah sent him. (29) Then the spirit of the LORD came upon Jephthah. He marched through Gilead and Manasseh, passing Mizpeh of Gilead; and from Mizpeh of Gilead he crossed over [to] the Ammonites. (30) And Jephthah made the following vow to the LORD: "If you deliver the Ammonites into my hands, (31) then whatever comes out of the door of my house to meet me on my safe return from the Ammonites shall be the LORD's and shall be offered by me as a burnt offering." (32) Jephthah crossed over to the Ammonites and attacked them, and the LORD delivered them into his hands. (33) He utterly routed them—from Aroer as far as Minnith, twenty towns—all the way to Abelcheramim. So the Ammonites submitted to the Israelites.

עֹלֶה: {פּ} (לב) וַיַּעֲבָּר יִפְּתָּח אֶל־בְּגִי עַמָּוֹן לְהִלְּחֶם בָּם וַיִּהְגֵם יהוה בְּיִדְוֹ: (לג) וַיַּבֵּם מֵעֲרוֹעֵר וְעַד־בּּאֲבְּ מִנִּית עֶשְׂרִים עִיר וְעַד אָבֵל כְּרָמִים מַכֶּה גְּדוֹלָה מְאָד וַיִּבְּנְעוֹּ בְּגַי עַמֹּוֹן מִפְּגֵי בְּגַי יִשְׂרָאֵל: {פּ}