Chukat, Haftarah, July 13, 2024

Judges 11:1-33

(1) Jephthah the Gileadite was an able warrior, who was the son of a certain 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

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(א) וִיִּפְתֵּח הַגִּלְעָדִי הָיָה גִּבְּוֹר חַׁיִל וְהָוֹא בֵּן־אִשֵּׁה זוֹנֵה וַיְּוֹלֵד גִּלְעֵד אָת־יִפְהָח: (ב) וַתְּלֶד אֵשֶׁת־גִּלְעֲד לוֹ בַּנִים וַיָּגִדָּלוּ בַנֵי־הַאִּשַׁה וַיָּגַרְשִׁוּ אָת־יִפָּהַח וַיָּאמָרוּ לוֹ לא־תִנְחֵל בַּבֵית־אַבִּינוּ כֵּי בַּן־אִשׁה אַחֵרֵת אַתַה: (ג) וַיִּבְרָח יִפְתַּח מִפְּנֵי אֵחַיו וַיָּשֶׁב בָּאֱרֶץ טְוֹב וַיֶּתְלַקְּטְוּ אָל־יִפִּתָּח אָנָשִים רֵילִים וַיֵּצְאָוּ עִמְוֹ: {פּ} (ד) וַיִהֶי מִיָּמֵים וַיִּלְּחֲמְוּ רָנִי־עַמְּוֹן עִם־יִשְׂרָאֵל: (ה) וַיְהִּי בַּאֵשֶׁר־נִלְחֲמְוּ בִנֵי־עַמְּוֹן עם־יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיֵּלְכוּ זִקְנֵי גִּלְעַׁד לָקַחָת אֵת־יִפְתָּח מֶאֶרֶץ טְוֹב: (ו) וַיּאֹמְרָוּ לְיִפְתָּח לְכֶּה וְהָיֵיתָה לָּנוּ לָקָצֶין וְנְלָחֲמֶה בִּבְנֵי עַמְּוֹן: (ז) וַיָּאמֵר יִפִּתַּחֹ לִזִקְנֵי גִלְעָּׁד 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 GOD delivers them to me, I am to be your commander." (10) And the elders of Gilead answered Jephthah, "GOD 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 GOD at Mizpah. (12) Jephthah then sent

אַהֵּם שִׁנָאתֶם אוֹתִי וַתִּגַרִשִׁוּנִי מְבֵית אָבֶי וּמַדּוּעַ בָּאתֶם אֵלֵי עַׁתְּה בַּאֲשֶׁר צַר לְכֶם: (ח) וַיּאֹמִרוּ זִקְנֵי גּלְעָׁד אֶל־יִפְהָּח לָכֵן עַתָּה שַׁבִנוּ אֶלֶידְ וָהַלַכָתַ עְפַּٰנוּ וִנְלְחַמְתַּ בִּבְנֵי עַמָּוֹן וִהָיֵיתַ לַּנוּ לְרֹאשׁ לְכָל ישָׁבֵי גַלְעֲד: (ט) וַיּאֹמֶר יִפְּתָּח אֵל־זִקְנֵי גַּלְעָׂד אִם־מְשִׁיבִּים אַתַּם אוֹתִי לָהַלָּחֵם בִּבְנֵי עַמֹּוֹן וְנָתַן יהוה אוֹתָם לְפַנֵי אַנֹבִּי אָהַיֶה לְכֵם לְרָאש: (י) וַיּאמְרָוּ זִקְנֵי־גִּלְעֵד אֶל־יִפְתָּח יהוה יְהְיֶה שֹׁמֵעַ בּינוֹתֵינוּ אָם־לָא כִדְבַרְךָּ כֵּן נַעֲשֶׂה: (יא) וַיַּלֶךְ יִפְתַּחֹ עִם־זְקְנֵי גִּלְעַׁד וַיָּשִּׁימוּ הָעָם אוֹתָוֹ עֲלֵיהֶם לְרְאֹשׁ וּלְקַצֵין וַיִדַבֶּר יִפְתַח אֵת־כַּל־דִּבָרֵיו לָפָנֵי יהוה בַּמִּצְפֵּה: {פ} (יב) וַיִּשָׁלֵח יִפָּתַח מַלְאַבִּים אֵל־מֵלֶךּ בְּנֵי־עַמְּוֹן לֵאמָר מַה־לֵּי וָלָּךְ (יג) פַּי־בָאתַ אֵלֵי לְהִלָּחֵם בִּאַרְצֵי: וּיֹאמֵר מֵלֶךְ בְּנֵי־עַמֹּוֹן אֵל־מַלְאָכֵי

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 that 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, after staying at Kadesh, (18) traveled

יִפִּהָּח בֶּי־לָלַח יִשְׂרָאֵל אֵת־אַרְצִּיׁ בַּעֲלוֹתְוֹ מִמִּצְרַיִם מֵאַרְנְוֹן וְעַד־הַיַּבְן וְעַד־הַיַּרְדֵּן וְעַהָּה ּהְשִּׁיבָה אֶתְהֶן בִּשְׁלְוֹם: (יד) וַיִּוֹסֵף עוֹד יִפָּתָּח וַיִּשִׁלַח מַלְאָבִים אֶל־מֶלֶךְ בְּגֵי עַמְּוֹן: (טו) וַיְּאֹמֶר לֹוֹ כָּה אָמַר יִפְּתָּח לְא־לָקַח יִשִּׂרָאֵל אֶת־אֱרֶץ מוֹאָב וְאֶת־אֱרֶץ בְּגֵי עַמְוֹן: (טז) כִּי בַּעַלוֹתָם מִמִּצְרֵיִם וַיָּלֶךְ יִשְׂרָאֵל בַּמִּדְבַּר עַד־יַם־סוּף וַיָּבָא קָדֵשָה: (יז) וַיִּשָׁלַח יִשְׂרָאֵל מַלְאָכֶים | אֵל־מֶּלֶךְ אֱדֹוֹם | לֵאמֹר אֶעְבָּרָה־נָּא בְאַרְצֶּׁדְּ וְלָא שָׁמַע' מֵלֶךְ אֱלוֹם וְגַֹם אֵל־מֵלֶךְ מוֹאֱב שָׁלַח וִלְא אָבָה וַיֵּשֵׁב יִשִּׁרָאֵל בָּקָדֵשׁ: (יח) וַיֵּלֵדְ בַּמִּדִבָּר וַיְּסָב אֶת־אֶּרֶץ אֱדוֹם וְאֶת־אֵרֵץ מוֹאָב וַיָּבָא מִמִּזְרַח־שֵּׁמֵשׁ לְאֵרֵץ מוֹאָב וַיַּחֲנְוּן בְּצֵבֶר אַרְנָוֹן וְלְא־בָּאוּ בּגְבְוּל מוֹאָב כֵּי אַרְנְוֹן גִּבְוּל מוֹאָב: (יט) וַיִּשְׁלֵח יִשְׂרָאֵל מַלְאַבִּים

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 ETERNAL, 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 the Arnon to the Jabbok and from

אַל־סִיחון מֵלֶדְ־הַאֵּמֹרֵי מֵלֶדְ חַשִּבְוֹן וַיָּאמֵר לוֹ יִשִּׁרָאֵׁל נַעְבְּרָה־נָּא בְאַרְצְּךָּ עַד־מְקוֹמִי: (כ) וְלֹא־הָאֱמִין סִיחָוֹן אֶת־יִשְׂרָאֵל עֲבְר בָּגְבַלוֹ וַיָּאֱסָף סִיחוֹן אֵת־כַּל־עַמֹּו ויַחַנוּ בִּיָהצָה וַיִּלָּחָם עִם־יִשְׂרָאֵל: (כא) וַיִּתַּן יהוה אֱלֹהֵי־יִשִׂרְאֵל אַת־סִיחָוֹן וָאֵת־כָּל־עַמֵּוֹ בְּיֵד יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיַּכִּוּם וַיִּירַשׁ יִשְׂרָאֵל אֵת כְּל־אֱרֶץ הָאֱמֹרִי יוֹשֵׁב הָאָרֵץ הַהָיא: (כב) וַיֵּירְשׁוּ אֵת כָּל־גִּבְוּל הָאֱמֹרֵי מֱאַרְנוֹן וִעַד־הַיַּבֹּק וֹמְלְיָה (כג) וְעַד־הַיַּרְבֵּן: (כג) וְעַהָּהָוֹי יהוה | אַלהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל הוֹרִישׁ אַת־הַאֱמֹרָי מִפָּנֵי עַמִּוֹ יִשְׂרַאֵּל וְאַתָּה תִּירָשֵנוּ: (כד) הַלֹּא אֵת אַשֵּר יוֹרִישִׁךְּ כִּמְוֹשׁ אֵלֹהֵיךְּ אוֹתְוֹ תִירֵשׁ וָאֵת בַּל־אֲשֵׁר הוֹרִישׁ יהוה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מִפְּגִינוּ אוֹתְוֹ נִירָשׁ: (כה) וְעַהָּה הַטְוֹב טוֹב אַהָּה מִבַּלֵק בֶּן־צָפָּוֹר מֵלֶךּ מוֹאָב הַרִוֹב רַב'

the wilderness to the Jordan. (23) "Now, then, the ETERNAL, the God of Israel, dispossessed the Amorites before this covenanted 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 ETERNAL 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 GOD, who judges, decide today between the Israelites and the Ammonites!" (28) But the king of the Ammonites

יָם־יִשְׂרָאֶל אָם־נִלְחָם נִלְחָם בַּם: (כו) בִּשֵׁבֶת יִּשִׂרָאֵל בִּחֲשְׁבּוֹן וּבִבנוֹתֵיהָ וּבִעַרְעְוֹר וּבִבנוֹתֵיהָ וּבְכָל־הֵעָרִים אֲשֶׁר עַל־יְדֵי אַרְנֹון שָׁלְשׁ מֵאְוֹת שָׁנָה וּמַדְּוּעַ לא־הִצַּלְתֶּם בְּעֵת הַהִּיא: (כז) וָאֲנֹכִי לֹא־חָטָאתִי לָּךְ וָאַתָּה עֹשֵה אָתֵי רָעָה לְהָלֶחֶם בֵּי יִשְׁפֿט יהוה הַשֹּׁפֵטֹ הַיּוֹם בֵּין בְּגֵי יִשְׂרָאֵׁל וּבֵין בְּנֵי עַמְּוֹן: (כח) וְלֹא שַׁמַע מֵלֶךְ בְּנֵי עַמָּון אֵל־דִּבְרֵי יִפִּהָּח אֲשֵׁר שָׁלַח אַלֵיו: {פּ} (כט) וַתִּהֶי עַל־יִפְתַּח ֹרְוּחַ יהוה וַיַּעֲבְר אֵת־הַגִּלִעֲד וָאָת־מִנְשֵׁה וַיַּעֲבֹר אָת־מִצְפָּה גַלְעָד וּמִמִּצְפֵּה גִלְעָׂד עָבַר בְּגֵי עַמְוֹן: (ל) וַיִּדַּר יִפְתָּח גָבֵר לַיהוה וַיֹּאׁמֵר אָם־נָתְוֹן תִּתֵּן אֵת־בָּנֵי עַמְוֹן בִּיָדֵי: (לא) וָהָיָה הַיּוֹצֵא אֵשֵׁר יֵצֵא מִדַּלְתֵּי בֵיתִי לְקַרַאתִי בִּשׁוּבֵי בִשָּׁלְוֹם מִבְּנֵי עַמָּוֹן וִהָיָה לֵיהוה וָהַעֵּלִיתִיהוּ עֹלֵה: {פּ} (לב) וַיַּעֵבְר

paid no heed to the message that Jephthah sent him. (29) Then the spirit of GOD 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 GOD: "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 GOD's and shall be offered by me as a burnt offering." (32) Jephthah crossed over to the Ammonites and attacked them, and GOD 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.

יִפְתָּח אֶל־בְּגִי עַמְּוֹן לְהִלְּחֶם בְּם וַיִּתְּגִם יהוה בְּיִדְוֹ: (לג) וַיַּבֶּם מֵעְרוֹעֵר וְעַד־בּּאֲךֹּ מִנִּית עֶשְׂרִים עִיר וְעַד אָבֵל כְּרָמִים מַכָּה גְּדוֹלְה מְאָד וַיִּבְּנְעוּ בְּגִי עַמְּוֹן מִפְּגֵי בְּגִי מְאָד וַיִּבְּנְעוּ בְּגִי עַמְּוֹן מִפְּגֵי בְּגִי יִשְׂרָאֵל: {פּ}