



Judges:

Coulda
Shoulda

But Didn't

Judges 11:1-28





Jephthah's Message

Judges 11:1-3

Jephthah's **half-brothers** were concerned that Jephthah would want to take a piece of their father's **inheritance**



So Jephthah **ran away**
& ended up living in
a place called Tob
Judges 11:4-6



At the end of chapter 10,
we're left with the sons of
Ammon gathering in this
corner & the sons of **Israel**
gathering in another



The people of Gilead were
asking Jephthah to simply
lead their **army** into battle
to fight against the
sons of Ammon
Judges 11:7-9



Although Jephthah was an **illegitimate** son, his brothers: Should have treated him **better** & should have at least **protected** him & in general tended to some of his **necessities**



Before Jephthah **agreed** ...
he wanted to know things
would be better for him
after this battle is **ALL** over

Judges 11:10-11



The leaders of Gilead
made an **oath** (a **promise**)
to Jephthah
Judges 11:12-13



Jephthah sends **messengers**
to the king of Ammon ...
asking “**Why** are you
fighting us?”

Judges 11:14-17



Fact Check: Israel DIDN'T
take away the land of **Moab**
(or for that matter, the land of
the children of **Ammon**)

Judges 11:18-20



Israel NEVER even
entered the land of Moab
It was Sihon, who **engaged**
& waged war on Israel
Judges 11:21-22



But our God (the One True
God) was the one who **gave**
Israel **victory** over Sihon

Judges 11:24

Judges 11:25



Even the current king
of Moab **recognized** that
Israel **rightfully** had
a **claim** to this land



So again, why are you
(someone who **NEVER**
had a part in this issue)
fighting & feeling justified
in your fighting?

Judges 11:26



& for the last **300** years,
since we lived in Heshbon
(the main city of Moab),
your **ancestors** **NEVER**
attempted to **recover** what you
claim Israel took from you



Judges 11:27-28

May our God

(the One True God)

act as a **judge** between us



SO WHAT?

