



Shoftim Perek 11

- Yiftach is the next shofet (judge.)
- Yiftach runs away from his brothers who taunted him.
- The elders locate Yiftach and ask Yiftach to lead the battle against Ammon.
- The elders promise Yiftach that if he is victorious in battle he will be their leader .
- Yiftach diplomatically sends emissaries to the king of Ammon to inquire why Ammon is oppressing the Jews.
- Yiftach relates to the emissaries that all of the land which the Jews conquered, was conquered in defensive wars.
- The king of Ammon is indifferent to Yiftach's explanations.
- Yiftach makes a vow: If he is victorious in battle against Ammon, then whatever comes through his door first will be offered as a sacrifice to Hashem.
- Hashem is with Yiftach.
- Yiftach defeats Ammon in battle.
- The first thing that comes through Yiftach's door when he returns from battle is his daughter.
- He tears his clothes.
- Yiftach's daughter requests two months in the mountains to mourn over the fact that she never married.
- Yiftach keeps his vow. (Many commentators explain that Yiftach built a secluded house in which his daughter would live as a means of keeping his vow. This way his daughter would be dedicated solely to Hashem.)