

## **Introduction**

**Background: the war against Ammon**

**Jephthah's Vow: the first to greet him would be the Lord's or be a burnt sacrifice, if he won (11:30-31)**

**Translation Options in 11:31**

**What comes, will be the Lord's AND I will offer it as a burnt offering**

**What/who comes, [he/she] will be the Lord's OR I will offer it as a burnt offering**

**The meaning of w<sup>o</sup>**

**Quite commonly, it means *and***

**Exodus 20:10, 17; and 21:16, etc., show that it can mean *or***

**Jephthah shows elsewhere knowledge of the broad-strokes of Biblical truth**

**Jephthah's horror that his only daughter was the first to greet him (11:34-35)**

**His daughter's willingness to suffer the consequences of the vow (11:36)**

**Her request (11:37)**

**Her exile in the mountains (11:38)**

**The vow is carried out (11:39)**

**Lamentation for Jephthah's daughter (11:40)**

**The Ephraim Conflict (12:1-6)**

**Charge and countercharge (12:1-3)**

**Battle against Ephraim (12:4)**

**Shibboleth (12:5-6)**

**Jephthah's death (12:7)**

**Conclusion**