

Jephthah's Chiastic Career

A Leader Gained & Lost	10:17-11:11 (13 vv)		12:7 (1v)
Attempted Diplomacy	With Ammon 11:12-28 (17)		With Ephraim 12:1-6 (6)
A Vow Made & Performed	11:29-31 (3)		11:34-40 (7)
Divine Deliverance	11:32-33 the Lord delivered them		

Ammon's Claim:

11:13 And the king of the children of Ammon answered unto the messengers of Jephthah, Because Israel took away my land, when they came up out of Egypt, **from Arnon even unto Jabbok, and unto Jordan**

Israel's History:

11:22 And [Israel] possessed all the coasts of the Amorites, **from Arnon even unto Jabbok**, and from the wilderness even **unto Jordan**.

History of the Disputed Territory (1)

Num. 21:26 For Heshbon was the city of Sihon the king of the Amorites, who had fought against the former king of **Moab**, and taken all his land out of his hand, even unto Arnon. 27 Wherefore they that speak in proverbs say,

Come into Heshbon, let the city of Sihon be built and prepared:

28 For there is a fire gone out of Heshbon, a flame from the city of Sihon:

it hath consumed Ar of **Moab**, and the lords of the high places of Arnon.

29 Woe to thee, **Moab**! thou art undone, O people of Chemosh:

he hath given his sons that escaped, and his daughters,

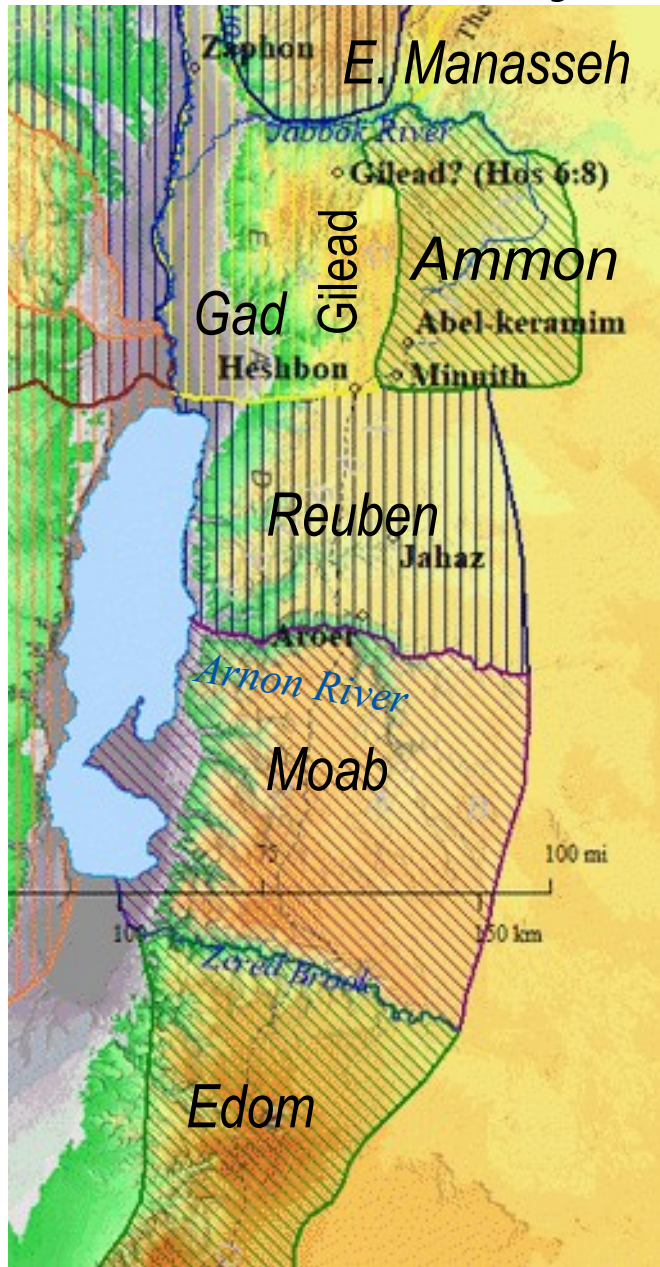
into captivity unto Sihon king of the Amorites.

30 We have shot at them; Heshbon is perished even unto Dibon,

and we have laid them waste even unto Nophah, which reacheth unto Medeba.

31 Thus Israel dwelt in the land of the Amorites.

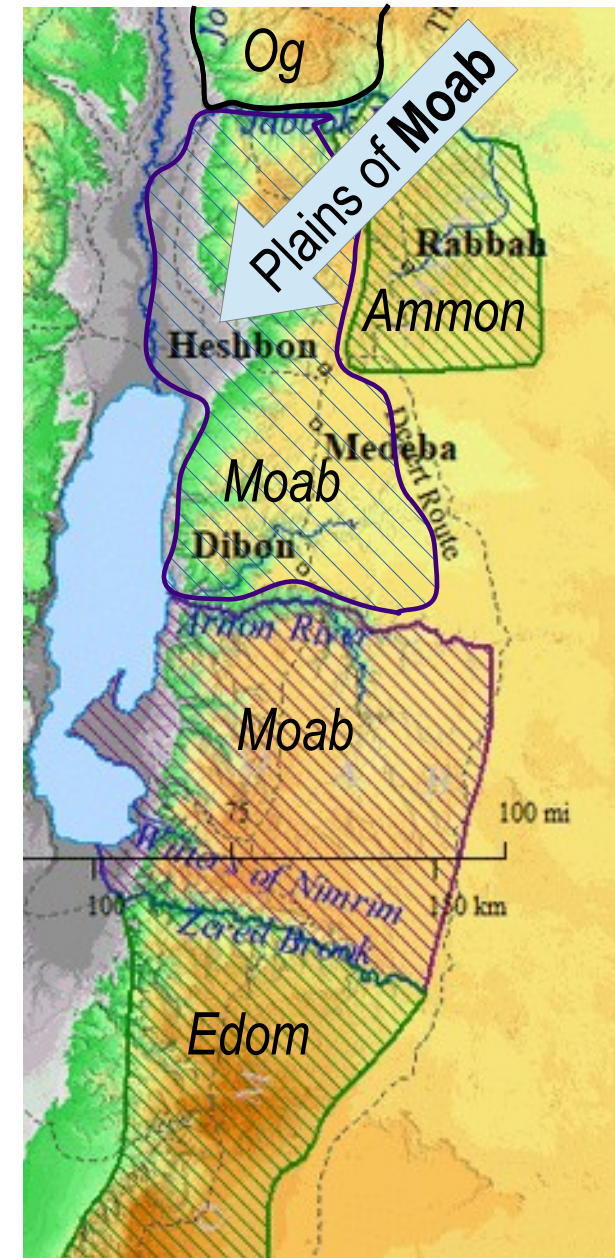
History of the Disputed Territory (2)



Days of Jephthah (1070)



At the Conquest (1400)



Before Sihon (1500?)

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Whose God was Chemosh?

24 Wilt not thou possess that which **Chemosh thy god** giveth thee to possess?

1Kings 11:7 Then did Solomon build an high place for **Chemosh, the abomination of Moab**, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for **Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon**.

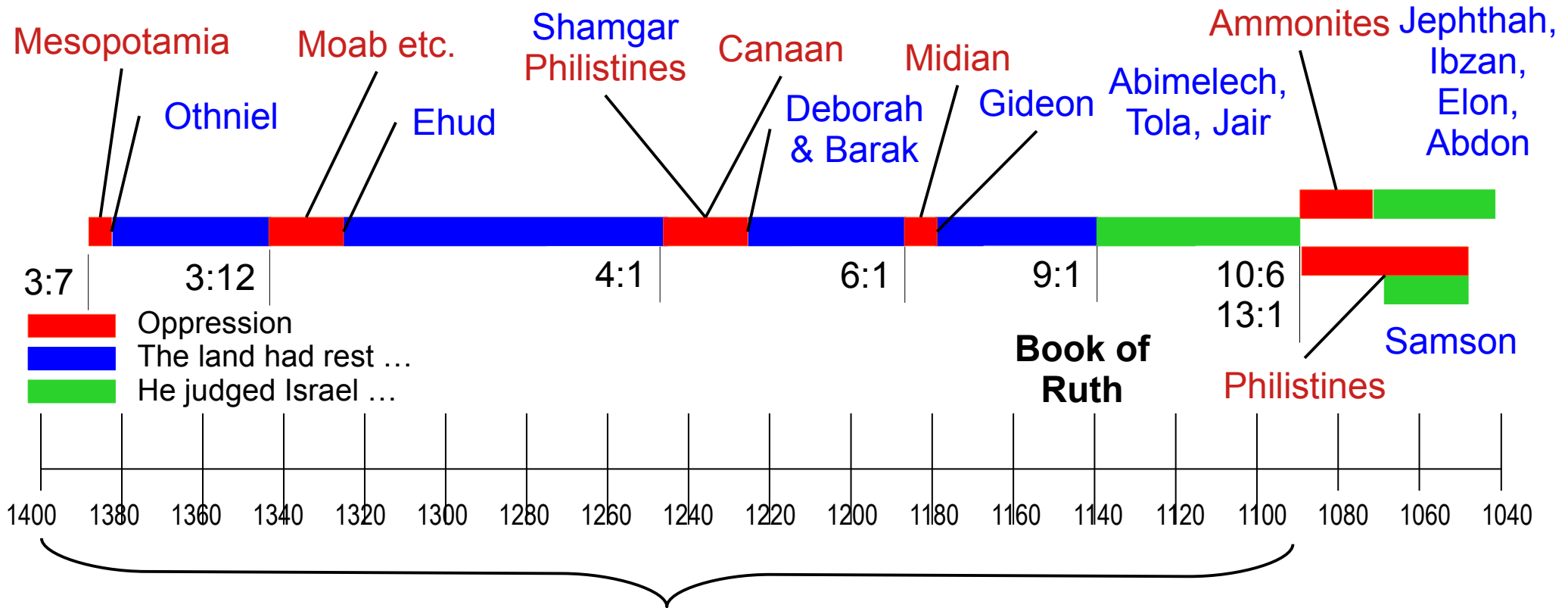
1Ki 20:23 And the servants of the king of Syria said unto him, Their gods are **gods of the hills**; therefore they were stronger than we; but let us fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they.

2Kings 17:26 Wherefore they spake to the king of Assyria, saying, The nations which thou hast removed, and placed in the cities of Samaria, know not the manner of **the God of the land**: therefore he hath sent lions among them, and, behold, they slay them, because they know not the manner of **the God of the land**.

Compare:

Judg 10:14 Go and cry unto the gods which ye have chosen; let them deliver you in the time of your tribulation.

Chronology of the Judges



Jephthah's 300 Years:

Jdg 11:26 While Israel dwelt in Heshbon and her towns, and in Aroer and her towns, and in all the cities that be along by the coasts of Arnon, **three hundred years?** why therefore did ye not recover them within that time?

Summary of Jephthah's Negotiation with Ammon

Arguments (*What* he said):

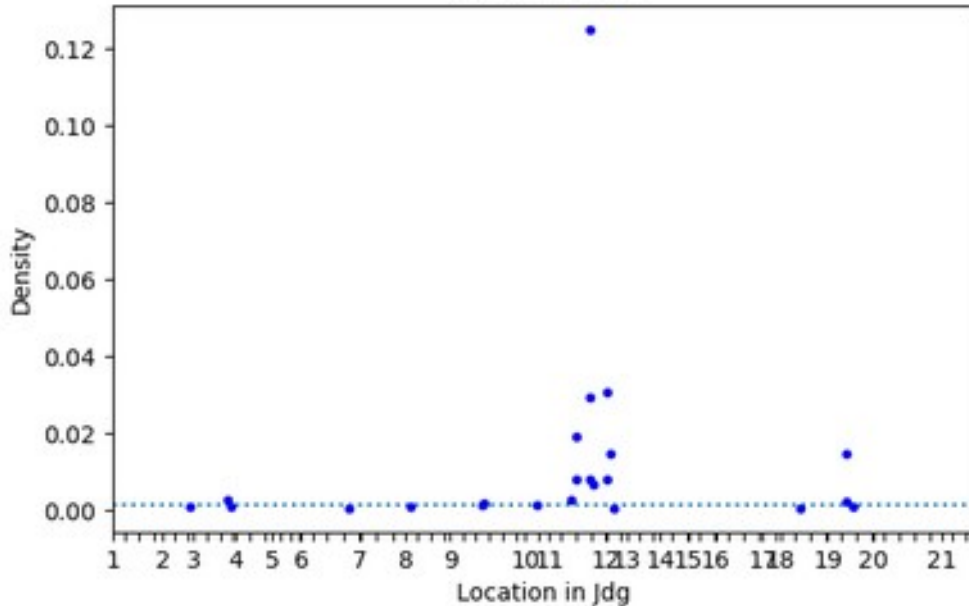
- 14-24, Israel never took land from Ammon.
- 25, The king who did have a claim to the land didn't recover it from Israel.
- 26, Even if Israel had taken the land from Ammon, Ammon has accepted the situation for 300 years.

Principles (*How* he said it):

1. Prefer negotiation over conflict.
2. Know and use the Scripture.
3. Stick to the point.

Preparation for Battle

11:29 Jephthah passed over ...
passed over ... passed over



the Spirit of the Lord came upon
Jephthah

Num. 11:17 I will take of the spirit
which is upon thee, and will put it
upon them;

Vows in the OT (Lev 7, 22-23; Num 6)

Deut. 23:21 When thou shalt **vow a vow**
unto the LORD thy God, thou shalt not
slack to pay it: for the LORD thy God will
surely require it of thee; and it would be
sin in thee. 22 But if thou shalt forbear to
vow, it shall be no sin in thee.

Num. 21:1 And when king [of] Arad the
Canaanite, which dwelt in the south,
heard tell that Israel came by the way of
the spies; then he fought against Israel,
and took some of them prisoners. 2 And
Israel vowed a vow unto the LORD,
and said, If thou wilt indeed deliver this
people into my hand, then I will utterly
destroy their cities. 3 And the LORD
hearkened to the voice of Israel, and
delivered up the Canaanites; and they
utterly destroyed them and their cities:
and he called the name of the place
Hormah.

What did Jephthah Vow?

Ex. 13:11 And it shall be when the LORD shall bring thee into the land of the Canaanites, as he sware unto thee and to thy fathers, and shall give it thee, 12 That thou shalt set apart **unto the LORD** ליהוה all that openeth the matrix, and every firstling that cometh of a beast which thou hast; the males shall be **the LORD'S** ליהוה. 13 And every firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb; and if thou wilt not redeem it, then thou shalt break his neck: and all the firstborn of man among thy children shalt thou redeem.

Num 3:11 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 12 And I, behold, I have taken the Levites from among the children of Israel instead of all the firstborn that openeth the matrix among the children of Israel: therefore the Levites shall be **mine** לי; 13 Because all the firstborn are mine; for on the day that I smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt I hallowed unto me all the firstborn in Israel, both man and beast: **mine** לי shall they be: I am the LORD.

Josh. 9:23 Now therefore ye are cursed, and there shall none of you be freed from being bondmen, and hewers of wood and drawers of water **for** ל the house of my God.

Ex. 38:8 And he made the laver of brass, and the foot of it of brass, of the lookingglasses of the women **assembling** [serving צבא H6633], which **assembled** צבא at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

1Sam. 2:22 Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that **assembled** צבא at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

1Sam. 1:11 And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then **I will give him unto the LORD** all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.

Deut. 12:29 When the LORD thy God shall cut off the nations from before thee, whither thou goest to possess them, and thou succeedest them, and dwellest in their land; 30 Take heed to thyself that thou be not snared by following them, ... 31 ... for every abomination to the LORD, which he hateth, have they done unto their gods; for **even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods.**

1Sam. 1:24 And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, **with three bullocks**, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the LORD in Shiloh: and the child was young. 25 And they slew a bullock, and brought the child to Eli.