

## **~ISHTOB (70)**

**(Ish'tob) [Man of Tob]**

- One of the small kingdoms that provided fighting men for the sons of Ammon to use against David. The forces from **Ishtob** and their allies were defeated. (**2 Samuel Chapter 10**), **AT, KJ, NW, Yg**
- Most translators and geographers consider that Ishtob should be rendered, men of Tob, referring to the land of Tob, where Jephthah resided. **AS, JB, JP, RS**
- So Jephthah ran away because of his brothers and took up dwelling in the land of Tob. And idle men kept bringing themselves together to Jephthah, and they would go out with him. (**Judges 11:3**)
- And it came about after a while that the sons of Ammon began to fight against Israel. (**Judges 11:4**)
- And it came about that when the sons of Ammon did fight against Israel, the older men of Gilead immediately went to take Jephthah out of the land of Tob. (**Judges 11:5**)
- Then they said to Jephthah; Do come and serve as our commander, and let us fight against the sons of Ammon. (**Judges 11:6**)
- But Jephthah said to the older men of Gilead; Was it not you that hated me so that you drove me out of my father's house? And why is it that you have come to me now just when you are in distress? (**Judges 11:7**)
- At this the older men of Gilead said to Jephthah; That is why now we have returned to you, and you must go with us and fight against the sons of Ammon, and you must become for us the head of all the inhabitants of Gilead. (**Judges 11:8**)
- So Jephthah said to the older men of Gilead; If you are bringing me back to fight against the sons of Ammon, and Yehowah does abandon them to me, I, for my part, shall become your head! (**Judges 11:9**)

- In turn the older men of Gilead said to Jephthah; Let Yehowah prove to be the listener between us if the way we shall do is not according to your word. (**Judges 11:10**)
- Consequently Jephthah went with the older men of Gilead and the people set him over them as head and commander. And Jephthah proceeded to speak all his words before Yehowah in Mizpah. (**Judges 11:11**)
- In time the sons of Ammon saw that they had become foul-smelling to David, and the sons of Ammon proceeded to send and hire Syrians of Beth-rehob and Syrians of Zobah, twenty thousand men on foot, and the king of Maacah, a thousand men, and **Ishtob**, twelve thousand men. (**2 Samuel 10:6**)
- And the sons of Ammon began to go out and draw up in battle formation at the entrance of the gate, also the Syrians of Zobah and of Rehob, and **Ishtob** and Maacah by themselves in the open field. (**2 Samuel 10:8**)
- However, the reading **Ishtob**, has the support of certain ancient versions. **LXX, Sy, Vg** The location of an ancient **Ishtob** is not now known.

**See Also TOB**