

~TOB (69)

- A land to which Jephthah fled from his half brothers. In Tob he gathered a force of men before his half brothers asked him to be their commander in fighting against the Ammonites.
- 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**)

- There is possibly another Biblical reference to **Tob** if the name Ishtob is rather to be translated, **men of Tob** at, **AS, JP, RS, NW Footnote**
- 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**)
- Then Jephthah sent messengers to the king of the sons of Ammon, saying; What do I have to do with you, seeing that you have come against me to fight in my land? (**Judges 11:12**)
- So the king of the sons of Ammon said to the messengers of Jephthah; It is because Israel took my land when they came up out of Egypt, from the Arnon as far as the Jabbok and as far as the Jordan. And now do return it peacefully. (**Judges 11:13**)
- **Tobs** location is not definitely known. However, it is often identified with the region centering around **Taiyiba**, about 60 kilometers (37 miles) East-Southeast of the Sea of Galilee.