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The fight between the Ammonites and Jephthah was described. If Jephthah won, he would have to sacrifice the first item that came through his door. Ultimately, his daughter was the one who entered through the door. According to Prof. Garcia, Jephthah anticipated an animal crossing the door since the home was built such that animals could enter and exit through those doorways. Judg 11:4 is cited. Concerning the Nativity is the second narrative. On a slide, Garcia reads, "And all went to be enrolled, each in his own city," followed by, "And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered." She gave birth to her first child, swaddled Him, and laid Him in a manger because there was nowhere for them to stay at the inn. This passage, found in Luke 2:1, is about the birth of Jesus Christ. The Pentecost account was another one. As for Acts 2:1, mentions how people gathered from a variety of locations and were all filled with the Holy Spirit. They are speaking about God's amazing wonders in our own eyes. "Suddenly, a sound like a violent wind came from heaven and filled the entire house where they were sitting," it adds. They saw what appeared to be tongues of fire that parted and came to rest on each of them. "All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them the utterance." This reminds me of what happened during the period of "the Tower of Babel," when God confounded their language. I suppose they also spoke in tongues at the time. The Holy Spirit enabled them to converse among themselves despite coming from various locations and speaking a variety of languages, as I deduced from it. That's lovely, in my opinion, since even in modern times, Christians come from all cultures and speak a variety of tongues, but at the end of the day, we all speak the same language—that of God—and we understand what each other is saying. Like, is that not amazing? However, only God can help us comprehend the

messages that His Spirit is trying to convey to us through one another. Additionally, I find it inspiring to hear my fellow Christians speak in tongues; it is quite wonderful to witness.