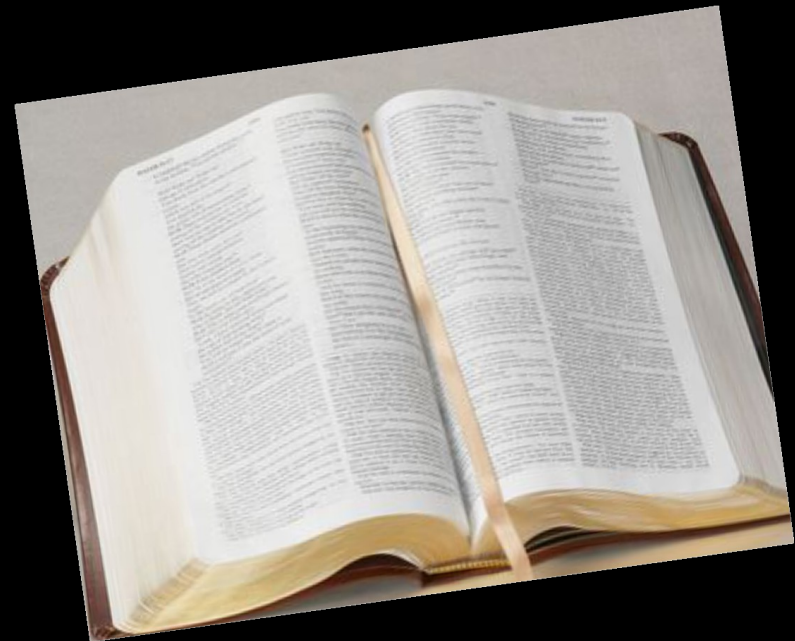


“Faith of Gideon”

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Judges 6,7



Judges 2:14-19- Theme

Jdg 2:14 So the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he gave them over to plunderers, who plundered them. And he sold them into the hand of their surrounding enemies, so that they could no longer withstand their enemies.

Jdg 2:15 Whenever they marched out, the hand of the LORD was against them for harm, as the LORD had warned, and as the LORD had sworn to them. And they were in terrible distress.

The Lord Raises Up Judges

Jdg 2:16 Then the LORD raised up judges, who saved them out of the hand of those who plundered them.

Jdg 2:17 Yet they did not listen to their judges, for they whored after other gods and bowed down to them. They soon turned aside from the way in which their fathers had walked, who had obeyed the commandments of the LORD, and they did not do so.

Jdg 2:18 Whenever the LORD raised up judges for them, the LORD was with the judge, and he saved them from the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge. For the LORD was moved to pity by their groaning because of those who afflicted and oppressed them.

Jdg 2:19 But whenever the judge died, they turned back and were more corrupt than their fathers, going after other gods, serving them and bowing

First servitude, to Mesopotamia — 8 years.

First judge: Othniel. 40 years. —

Second servitude, to Moab — 18 years.

Second judge: Ehud; 80 years.

Third judge: Shamgar. —

Third servitude, to Jabin and Sisera — 20 years.

Fourth judge: Deborah and Barak. 40 years. —

Fourth servitude, to Midian — 7 years.

Fifth judge: Gideon; 40 years.

Sixth judge: Abimelech; 3 years.

Seventh judge: Tola; 23 years.

Eighth judge: Jair. 22 years. —

Fifth servitude, to Ammon — 18 years.

Ninth judge: Jephthah; 6 years.

Tenth judge: Ibzan; 7 years.

Eleventh judge: Elon; 10 years.

Twelfth judge: Abdon. 8 years. —

Sixth servitude, to the Philistines — 40 years.

Thirteenth judge: Samson 20 years.

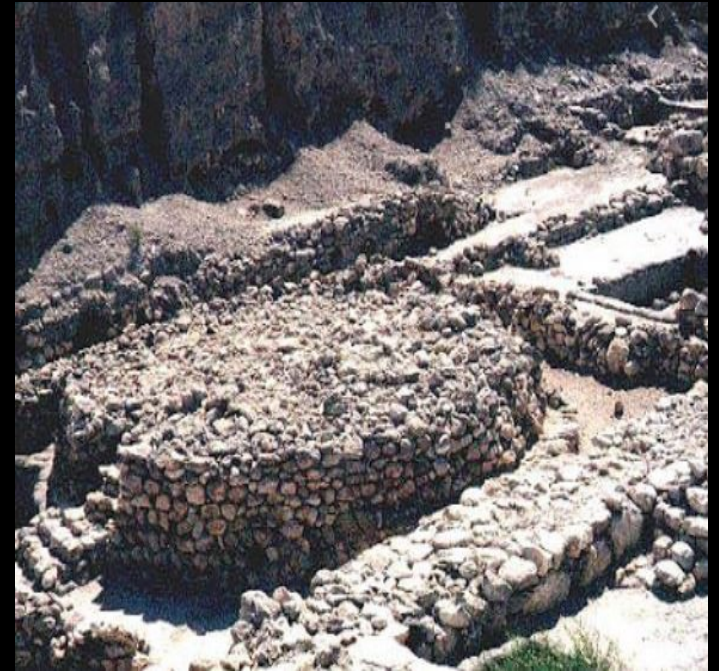
Fourteenth judge: Eli; 40 years.

Fifteenth judge: Samuel.



As we
examine
the story
of
Gideon...
let's look
at his
country!

12 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of valour. 13 And Gideon said unto him, Oh my Lord, if the LORD be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where be all his miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt? but now the LORD hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites. 14 And the LORD looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent you?





As Ruth went about redefining the means of success in baseball, he also redefined failure. With his reputation as the King of Home Runs came the title of the King of Strikeouts. Alongside his 714 career home runs stood a legacy of 1,330 strikeouts a purist of the time would find appalling.

And he said unto him, Oh my Lord,
wherewith shall I save Israel? behold,
my family is poor in Manasseh, and I
am the least in my father's house. 16
And the LORD said unto him, Surely I
will be with thee, and thou shalt smite
the Midianites as one man.17
And he said unto him, If now I have
found grace in thy sight, then shew
me a sign that thou talkest with me.



22 And when Gideon perceived that he was an angel of the LORD, Gideon said, Alas, O Lord GOD! for because I have seen an angel of the LORD face to face. 23 And the LORD said unto him, Peace be unto thee; fear not: thou shalt not die.

25 And it came to pass the same night, that the LORD said unto him, Take thy father's young bullock, even the second bullock of seven years old, and throw down the altar of Baal that thy father hath, and cut down the grove that is by it: 26 And build an altar unto the LORD thy God upon the top of this rock, in the ordered place, and take the second bullock, and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the grove which thou shalt cut down.



39 And Gideon said unto God, Let not thine anger be hot against me, and I will speak but this once: let me prove, I pray thee, but this once with the fleece; let it now be dry only upon the fleece, and upon all the ground let there be dew. 40 And God did so that night:



2 And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people that are with thee are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me.

The people are too many-

a. 32, 000 were present for Gideons Army- (see Judges 7:3)...there were some 135,000 Midianites....Judges 8:10ratio of 1-4

b. 10,000 left....too many ratio of 1-13.....still too many

c. 300 leftratio of 1-450....now these are the kind of odds which can only be God...



4 And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people are yet too many; bring them down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there: and it shall be, that of whom I say unto thee, This shall go with thee, the same shall go with thee; and of whomsoever I say unto thee, This shall not go with thee, the same shall not go. ¹⁵



Isaiah 42:⁸ I am the LORD, that is My name; And My **glory I will** not give to another, Nor My praise to carved images.

Isaiah 48:¹¹ For My own sake, for My own sake, I will do it; For how should My name be profaned? And I will not give **My glory** to another.

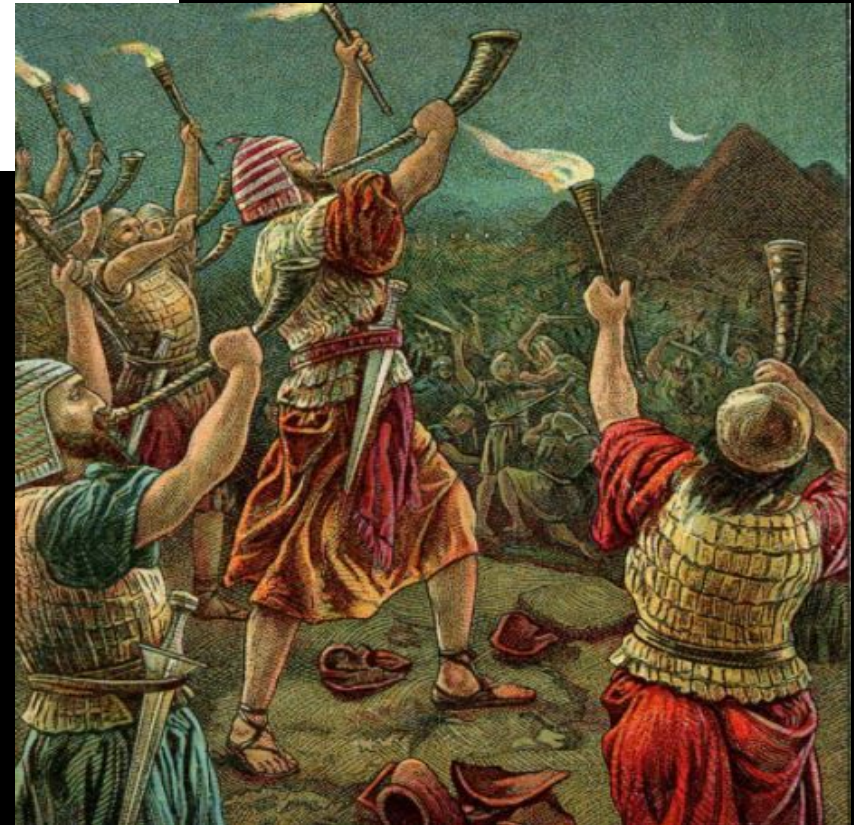
Look at the weapons for these men-

a. A pot....to break

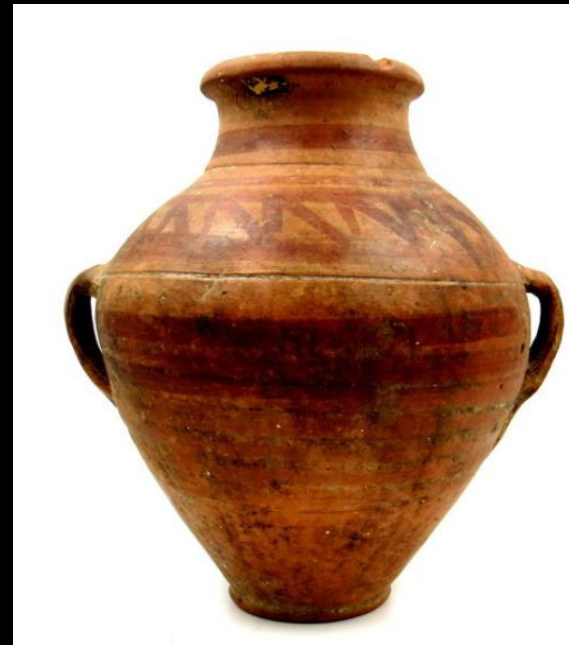
b. A lamp (we may think of a torch) to illumine

c. A trumpet....to sound the alarm....where's my actual weapon?

d. "The sword of the Lord, and the sword of Gideon!"



2 Cor 4: 6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. 8 *We are* hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; *we are* perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed 10 always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.



Mt. 5:14-16 “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven..

John 8:12 “Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the **light of the world**. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."



Romans 10:9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 13 For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."

