

“Through the Bible: Judges 6-10”

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I. Children Do Evil; God Calls Gideon; A Great Victory for God’s People (Jdg. 6-7)

A. With what familiar phrase of the book of Judges does Jdg. 6 open? In Jdg. 6:1, it is also learned the Lord delivered them into the hands of who for how long?

B. “And Israel was _____ impoverished because of the Midianites; and the children of Israel _____ unto the Lord” (Jdg. 6:6).

C. God raised a prophet to deliver what message to His people (Jdg. 6:7-10)?

D. God chose _____, the son of Joash (Jdg. 6:11), to “_____ Israel from the hand of the Midianites” (Jdg. 6:14). After offering an initial sign this message was from God, Gideon was instructed to throw down the altar of _____ (Jdg. 6:25) and build a new _____ (Jdg. 6:26).

E. How do the men of the city react to the destruction of the altar of Baal and the construction of a new altar (Jdg. 6:28-32)? _____

F. Gideon requests additional evidence he is indeed dealing with God in Jdg. 6:36-40. Briefly explain in the provided space what signs he received.

G. God wanted to reduce the size of Gideon’s army. Why (Jdg. 7:2)?

H. To begin with, how did God shrink the fighting force from 32,000 to 10,000 (Jdg. 7:3)? _____

To reduce it even more, what exercise did the men go through in Jdg. 7:4-8, and how many men remained to fight with Gideon? _____

I. Jdg. 7:15-25 records the fight between Gideon’s army and the Midianites.

1. The men had _____ in their left hands, and _____ in their right (Jdg. 7:20).

2. As a result of Gideon’s tactics, the enemy “_____, and _____, and _____” (Jdg. 7:21).

II. Gideon Continues to Battle; Forty Years of Peace; Children Sin Again (Jdg. 8)

A. In Jdg. 8:1-3, the men of Ephraim approach Gideon to lodge a complaint. What were they upset about, and how did Gideon handle it?

- B. Continuing his chase of the kings of Midian, _____ and _____ (Jdg. 8:5), Gideon asked for sustenance from the men of _____ (Jdg. 8:5) and from the men of _____ (Jdg. 8:8). Did they supply Gideon and his army? _____
- C. Prior to killing the kings of Midian (Jdg. 8:18-21), what task did Gideon undertake in Jdg. 8:16-17? _____
- D. Israel wanted Gideon to _____ over them (Jdg. 8:22). He refused, saying the _____ shall rule over you (Jdg. 8:23). Instead, he made an _____ (Jdg. 8:27) which became a _____ unto Gideon, and to his house (Jdg. 8:27).
- E. "...Gideon had _____ and _____ sons" (Jdg. 8:30). As well, with his concubine he had a son named _____ (Jdg. 8:31). Gideon passes away, but "as _____ as Gideon was _____...the children of Israel _____ again" (Jdg. 8:33).

III. Abimelech Usurps Authority; Tola and Jair Rule; Children Enter Captivity (Jdg. 9-10)

- A. Abimelech begins to chart an overthrow of his brothers. He _____ all his brethren, but _____ managed to escape (Jdg. 9:5). As a result, the men of Shechem made Abimelech _____ (Jdg. 9:6).
- B. After three years of Abimelech's reign, relations soured between him and the men of Shechem (Jdg. 9:23). A man named _____ (Jdg. 9:28) came to fight against Abimelech and told him to " _____ thine army, and come out" (Jdg. 9:29).
- C. In the early stages of fighting, Abimelech found some success (Jdg. 9:30-49). Read Jdg. 9:50-55. Explain how Abimelech met his demise. _____
- D. Jdg. 10:1-5 introduces two new judges. _____, who ruled for _____ years and _____ who ruled for _____ years.
- E. Again, the children did evil in the sight of the Lord. According to Jdg. 10:6, who were they serving? _____
- F. God " _____ them into the hands of the _____, and into the hands of the children of _____" (Jdg. 10:7).
- G. God said "... _____ unto the gods...ye have _____" (Jdg. 10:14).