

GIDEON, THE SIXTH JUDGE

Judges 6 - 8

Perhaps the most personalized account of the life of any judge is found in the story of Gideon. Read the following to see what kind of man he was, and how the Lord accomplished His purpose through him:

A. The Call of Gideon: Read Judges 6:1-24

1. List briefly the parts of the cycle which led to the call of Gideon. Judges 6:1-6

2. What great task was Gideon called to perform? Judges 6:14

3. Did Gideon feel that he was qualified for such a task? Judges 6:15

4. What promise did the Lord give him? Judges 6:16

5. Of what did Gideon want to make sure before he undertook this task?
Judges 6:17

6. What sign did the Lord give him to prove this? Judges 6:21

B. The Beginning of Gideon's Work: Read Judges 6:25-40

1. What two things did God tell Gideon to do as the first step of his work?

a. Judges 6:25 _____

b. Judges 6:26 _____

2. When did he do this, and why? Judges 6:27

3. What were two results of his action? Judge 6:30, 31

4. Even after this event, of what was Gideon not sure? Judges 6:36

5. What two signs did God give him to make him absolutely sure?

a. Judges 6:37, 38 _____

b. Judges 6:39, 40 _____

C. The Choice of Gideon's Army: Read Judges 7:1-8

1. Why did the Lord tell Gideon there were too many in his army? Judges 7:2

2. How many did God allow Gideon to keep for his battle? Judges 7:7, 8

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D. The Battle Against Midian: Read Judges 7:9-25

1. What did God tell Gideon to do so that he would not fear this battle?
Judges 7:10, 11

2. How did Gideon arrange his soldiers for the battle? Judges 7:16a, 21a
_____ 3.
What were their weapons for this battle? Judges 7:16b

4. What did they do to win this battle? Judges 7:18, 20

5. What did the enemies do when they heard and saw Gideon's army?
Judges 7:21b, 22

6. Who then joined in the battle? Judges 7:23, 24 (see a map)

7. How far did Gideon pursue his enemies? Judges 8:4, 5, 8, 10 (see a map)

8. How many of the enemies fell in this battle? Judges 8:10b, 12

9. What was the final result of Gideon's work? Judges 8:28a, b

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What kind of men and weapons does God choose for His work today (See 1 Corinthians 1:26-29; 2 Corinthians 10:4)

2. On what do I rely as I perform my service for the Lord? (See Zechariah 4:6b)
