

Judges 6

Gideon - Valiant Warrior of the Lord

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And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who by faith conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

Hebrews 11:32-34

Israel's Problem (Vv. 1-6) - Story of the Book of Judges

Then the Lord raised up judges who saved them from the hands of those who plundered them. Yet they did not listen to their judges, for they committed infidelity with other gods and bowed down to them. They turned aside quickly from the way in which their fathers had walked in obeying the commandments of the Lord; they did not do the same as their fathers. And when the Lord raised up judges for them, the Lord was with the judge and 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 tormented and oppressed them. But it came about, when the judge died, that they would turn back and act more corruptly than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them and bow down to them; they did not abandon their practices or their obstinate ways.

Judges 2:16-19



Israel's Problem (Vv. 1-6) - Warning of Deuteronomy

But it shall come about, if you do not [n]obey the Lord your God...

You will betroth a woman, but another man will violate her; you will build a house, but you will not live in it; you will plant a vineyard, but you will not make use of its fruit.

Your ox will be slaughtered before your eyes, but you will not eat of it; your donkey will be snatched away from you, and will not [aa]be restored to you; your [ab]sheep will be given to your enemies, and you will have no one to save you.

Your sons and your daughters will be given to another people, while your eyes look on and long for them constantly; but there will be nothing [ac]you can do.

A people whom you do not know will eat the produce of your ground and every product of your labor, and you will never be anything but oppressed and mistreated continually.

You will also be driven insane by the sight of [ad]what you see.

Deuteronomy 28: 15, 30-34



Prophet's Message (Vv. 7-10) - Think Back to What God has Done

‘It was I who brought you up from Egypt,
and brought you out of the house of slavery.

And I rescued you from the hands of the
Egyptians, and from the hands of all your
oppressors, and I drove them out from you
and gave you their land,

and I said to you, “I am the Lord your God;
you shall not fear the gods of the Amorites
in whose land you live.” But you have not
obeyed Me.”

Judges 6:8-10



Personal Commission (Vv. 11-18) -

And the Lord looked at him and said,
“Go in this strength of yours and save
Israel from the hand of Midian. Have I
not sent you?”

Judges 6:14

God was looking for someone who
would listen to His Word



The Lord's Peace (Vv. 19-24) - Peace to those who believe

When Gideon perceived that he was the angel of the Lord, he said, “Oh, Lord God! For I have seen the angel of the Lord face to face!” But the Lord said to him, “Peace to you, do not be afraid; you shall not die.” Then Gideon built an altar there to the Lord and named it The Lord is Peace. To this day it is still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.



Judges 6: 22-24

Pulled Down Alter (Vv. 25-27)

“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

“You shall have no other gods before Me.”

Exodus 20:2-3

Then Gideon took ten men from his servants and did as the Lord had spoken to him; and because he was too afraid of his father’s household and the men of the city to do it by day, he did it by night.

Judges 6:27



The Perturbed People (Vv. 28 -35)

Jerubbaal - “contend against Baal”

“If he is a god, let him contend for himself, since someone has torn down his altar!”

Judges 6:31

“For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as is the LORD our God whenever we call on Him?”

Deuteronomy 4:7



A pottery fragment found in Israel with the inscription Jerubbaal

A Patient God (Vv. 29-40) - Confirming the Word of God

Then Gideon said to God, “If You are going to save Israel [x]through me, as You have spoken,

behold, I am putting a fleece of wool on the threshing floor. If there is dew on the fleece only, and it is dry on all the ground, then I will know that You will save Israel [y]through me, as You have spoken.”

And it was so. When he got up early the next morning and wrung out the fleece, he wrung the dew from the fleece, a bowl full of water.

Judges 6:36-38



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