

### Timeline of Truth: The Victory of Gideon, the Faulty Judge (Judges 7:1—8:12)

<p><sup>1</sup> Then Jerubbaal (that <i>is</i>, Gideon) and all the people who <i>were</i> with him rose early and encamped beside the well of Harod, so that the camp of the Midianites was on the north side of them by the hill of Moreh in the valley.</p>	<p><b>1. Gideon and Army Camp Near the Enemy</b></p>
<p><sup>2</sup> And the LORD said to Gideon, "The people who <i>are</i> with you <i>are</i> too many for Me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel claim glory for itself against Me, saying, 'My own hand has saved me.'</p>	<p><b>2. God Objects to the _____ of the Army</b></p>
<p><sup>3</sup> "Now therefore, proclaim in the hearing of the people, saying, 'Whoever <i>is</i> fearful and afraid, let him turn and depart at once from Mount Gilead.'" And twenty-two thousand of the people returned, and ten thousand remained.</p>	<p><b>3. God Directs the Reduction of the Army</b></p>
<p><sup>4</sup> But the LORD said to Gideon, "The people <i>are</i> still <i>too</i> many; bring them down to the water, and I will test them for you there. Then it will be, <i>that</i> of whom I say to you, 'This one shall go with you,' the same shall go with you; and of whomever I say to you, 'This one shall not go with you,' the same shall not go."</p>	<p><b>4. God Again Objects to the _____ of the Army</b></p>
<p><sup>5</sup> So he brought the people down to the water. And the LORD said to Gideon, "Everyone who laps from the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, you shall set apart by himself; likewise everyone who gets down on his knees to drink."  <sup>6</sup> And the number of those who lapped, <i>putting</i> their hand to their mouth, was three hundred men; but all the rest of the people got down on their knees to drink water.  <sup>7</sup> Then the LORD said to Gideon, "By the three hundred men who lapped I will save you, and deliver the Midianites into your hand. Let all the <i>other</i> people go, every man to his place."  <sup>8</sup> So the people took provisions and their trumpets in their hands. And he sent away all <i>the rest of</i> Israel, every man to his tent, and retained those three hundred men. Now the camp of Midian was below him in the valley.</p>	<p><b>5. God Directs a Second Reduction of the Army</b></p>
<p><sup>9</sup> It happened on the same night that the LORD said to him, "Arise, go down against the camp, for I have delivered it into your hand."  <sup>10</sup> "But if you are afraid to go down, go down to the camp with Purah your servant, <sup>11</sup> "and you shall hear what they say; and afterward your hands shall be strengthened to go down against the camp." Then he went down with Purah his servant to the outpost of the armed men who <i>were</i> in the camp.</p>	<p><b>6. God _____ Gideon to Attack</b></p>
<p><sup>12</sup> Now the Midianites and Amalekites, all the people of the East, were lying in the valley as numerous as locusts; and their camels <i>were</i> without number, as the sand by the seashore in multitude.</p>	<p><b>7. The Situation of the Enemy</b></p>
<p><sup>13</sup> And when Gideon had come, there was a man telling a dream to his companion. He said, "I have had a dream: <i>To my</i> surprise, a loaf of barley bread tumbled into the camp of Midian; it came to a tent and struck it so that it fell and overturned, and the tent collapsed."  <sup>14</sup> Then his companion answered and said, "This <i>is</i> nothing else but the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel! Into his hand God has delivered Midian and the whole camp."</p>	<p><b>8. Gideon _____ in on a Midian Conversation</b></p>
<p><sup>15</sup> And so it was, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream and its interpretation, that he worshiped. He returned to the camp of Israel, and said, "Arise, for the LORD has delivered the camp of Midian into your hand."</p>	<p><b>9. Gideon Responds to What He Hears</b></p>
<p><sup>16</sup> Then he divided the three hundred men <i>into</i> three companies, and he put a trumpet into every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and torches inside the pitchers.  <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "Look at me and do likewise; watch, and when I come to the edge of the camp you shall do as I do:  <sup>18</sup> "When I blow the trumpet, I and all who <i>are</i> with me, then you also blow the trumpets on every side of the whole camp, and say, 'The sword of the LORD and of Gideon!'"</p>	<p><b>10. Gideon _____ His Army</b></p>

<p><sup>19</sup> So Gideon and the hundred men who <i>were</i> with him came to the outpost of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, just as they had posted the watch;</p>	<b>11. Gideon _____ His Army</b>
<p>and they blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers that <i>were</i> in their hands.  <sup>20</sup> Then the three companies blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers-- they held the torches in their left hands and the trumpets in their right hands for blowing-- and they cried, "The sword of the LORD and of Gideon!"</p>	<b>12. Gideon _____ His Army</b>
<p><sup>21</sup> And every man stood in his place all around the camp; and the whole army ran and cried out and fled.  <sup>22</sup> When the three hundred blew the trumpets, the LORD set every man's sword against his companion throughout the whole camp; and the army fled to Beth Acacia, toward Zererah, as far as the border of Abel Meholah, by Tabbath.</p>	<b>13. God Causes the Enemy to _____ Itself and Flee</b>
<p><sup>23</sup> And the men of Israel gathered together from Naphtali, Asher, and all Manasseh, and pursued the Midianites.</p>	<b>14. Israel's Army _____ the Enemy</b>
<p><sup>24</sup> Then Gideon sent messengers throughout all the mountains of Ephraim, saying, "Come down against the Midianites, and seize from them the watering places as far as Beth Barah and the Jordan." Then all the men of Ephraim gathered together and seized the watering places as far as Beth Barah and the Jordan.</p>	<b>15. Gideon Gathers Help from _____</b>
<p><sup>25</sup> And they captured two princes of the Midianites, Oreb and Zeeb. They killed Oreb at the rock of Oreb, and Zeeb they killed at the winepress of Zeeb. They pursued Midian and brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon on the other side of the Jordan.</p>	<b>16. Two Enemy Princes Are Captured</b>
<p><sup>8:1</sup> Now the men of Ephraim said to him, "Why have you done this to us by not calling us when you went to fight with the Midianites?" And they reprimanded him sharply.</p>	<b>17. Ephraim Complains to Gideon</b>
<p><sup>2</sup> So he said to them, "What have I done now in comparison with you? <i>Is not the gleaning of the grapes of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abiezer?</i> <sup>3</sup> "God has delivered into your hands the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb. And what was I able to do in comparison with you?" Then their anger toward him subsided when he said that.</p>	<b>18. Gideon Responds with Generosity</b>
<p><sup>4</sup> When Gideon came to the Jordan, he and the three hundred men who <i>were</i> with him crossed over, exhausted but still in pursuit.</p>	<b>19. Gideon and His Army Cross Over Jordan</b>
<p><sup>5</sup> Then he said to the men of Succoth, "Please give loaves of bread to the people who follow me, for they are exhausted, and I am pursuing Zebah and Zalmunna, kings of Midian."  <sup>6</sup> And the leaders of Succoth said, "Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in your hand, that we should give bread to your army?"  <sup>7</sup> So Gideon said, "For this cause, when the LORD has delivered Zebah and Zalmunna into my hand, then I will tear your flesh with the thorns of the wilderness and with briers!"</p>	<b>20. Gideon Requests Food from _____</b>
<p><sup>8</sup> Then he went up from there to Penuel and spoke to them in the same way. And the men of Penuel answered him as the men of Succoth had answered.  <sup>9</sup> So he also spoke to the men of Penuel, saying, "When I come back in peace, I will tear down this tower!"</p>	<b>21. Gideon Requests Food from _____</b>
<p><sup>10</sup> Now Zebah and Zalmunna <i>were</i> at Karkor, and their armies with them, about fifteen thousand, all who were left of all the army of the people of the East; for one hundred and twenty thousand men who drew the sword had fallen.</p>	<b>22. The Situation of the Remaining Enemy</b>
<p><sup>11</sup> Then Gideon went up by the road of those who dwell in tents on the east of Nobah and Jogbehah; and he attacked the army while the camp felt secure.  <sup>12</sup> When Zebah and Zalmunna fled, he pursued them; and he took the two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna, and routed the whole army.</p>	<b>23. Gideon Attacks the Remaining Enemy</b>
<b>1. God can do much with _____.</b>	<b>2. God desires to reveal His _____.</b>

