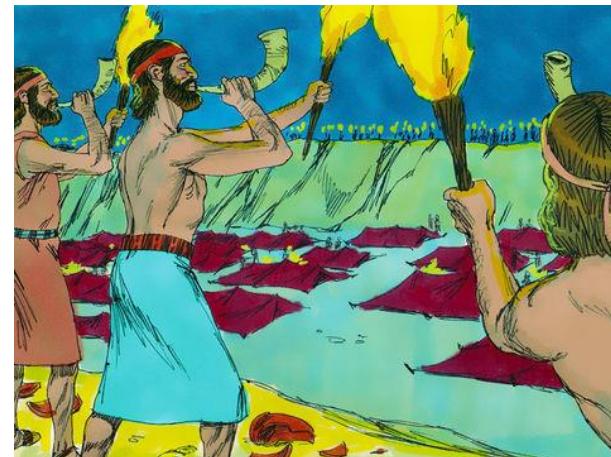
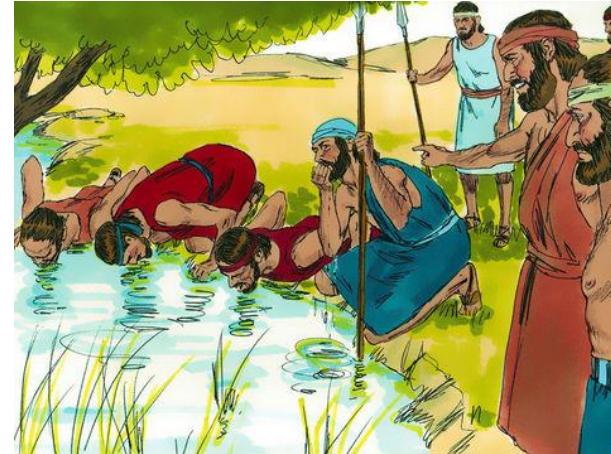


Walking with Joshua and Judges

Week 7

Gideon defeats the Midianites

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Gideon's 300 men defeat the Midianites

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Sunday

Midianites oppress

Bible Reading: Judges 6v1-10

1. Where did the LORD deliver Israel to? (v1) *Find it on a map*
2. Why? (v1)
3. For how long? (v1)
4. Where did the Israelites go to live? (v2)
5. Who took their crops? (v3)

Amalek was a grandson of Esau (Genesis 36v12). They attacked Israel in the wilderness (Exodus 17v8-16).

6. To where did the Midianites destroy Israel? (v4) *Find it on a map*

Gaza was in the land of the Philistines.

7. What were the Midianites like? (v5)
8. What did the Israelites do? (v6)
9. Who did the LORD send to them? (v8)
10. What had the LORD done for Israel? (v8+9)
11. What were they NOT to fear? (v10)
12. Had they obeyed the LORD? (v10)

Answers

1) Midian; 2) They did evil in the sight of the LORD; 3) 7 years; 4) Dens in the mountains, caves and strongholds; 5) Midianites and Amalekites; 6) Gaza; 7) Grasshoppers; 8) Cried to the LORD; 9) A prophet; 10) Brought them out of Slavery in Egypt and given them the Promised Land; 11) The gods of the Amorites; 12) No





Did you know?

The Midianites were descendants of Midian. He was one of the sons of Abraham and Keturah. Abraham had sent them away from Isaac.

They went to live in an east country (Genesis 25v1-6).

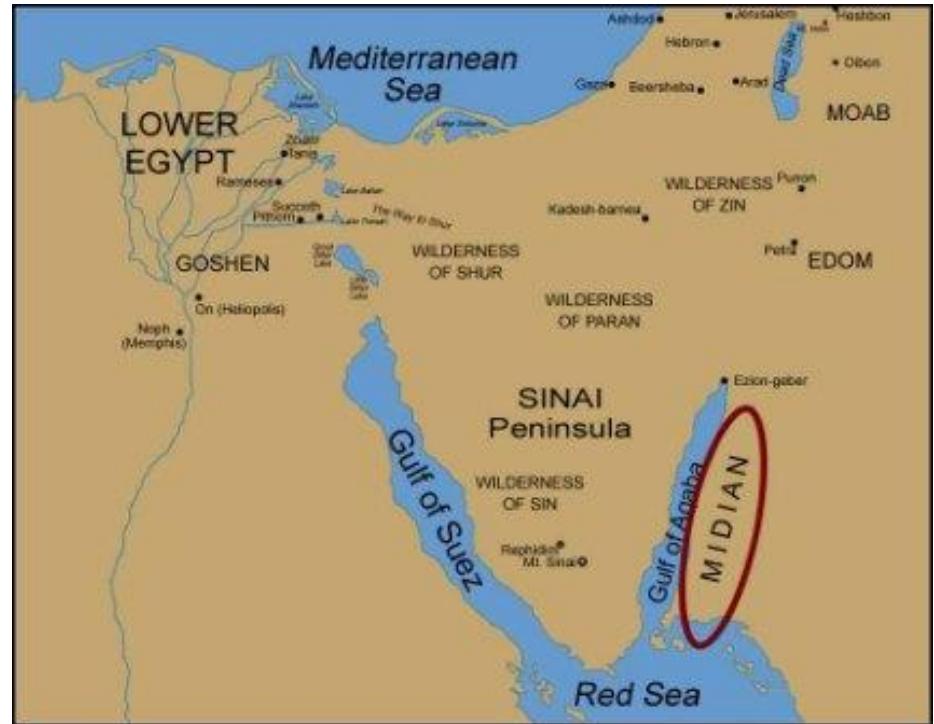
Midianite merchants bought Joseph and took him to Egypt
(Genesis 37v23-28).

Moses fled to the Land of Midian from Egypt. He married Zipporah there. (Exodus 2v15-22)

The Midianites were enemies of Israel as they journeyed to the Promised Land. They helped the Moabites and the Amorites
(Numbers 22-25; Joshua 13v21)

"Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

***But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear."* (Isaiah 59v1+2)**



When we do wrong God sees it. He hates all sin.
And He will punish sin.

Monday

Angel appears to Gideon

Bible Reading: Judges 6v11-24

1. Where did an angel sit? (v11) *Find it on a map*
2. What was Gideon doing? (v11)
3. Who was he trying to hide it from? (v11)
4. What did he say to Gideon? (v12)
5. What did Gideon say the LORD had done? (v13)
6. What was the LORD sending Gideon to do? (v14)
7. Why did Gideon think he couldn't do it? (v15)

Gideon was the least important in his family. But he was God's man for the job!

8. Who would be with Gideon? (v16)
9. What did Gideon bring as an offering? (v19)
10. What did the angel do? (v21)
11. Why was Gideon NOT to fear? (v23)

People, then, thought they would die if they saw an angel.

12. What did Gideon build? (v24)
13. What did Gideon call that place? (v24)

Jehovah is a name of God. In the KJV of the Bible shows it as 'the LORD' in capital letters. Jehovah-shalom means 'The LORD is peace.' Is He your Peace?



Did you know?

Gideon's father was Joash the Abiezrite (v11). Abiezer was one of the families in the tribe of Manasseh (Joshua 17v2).

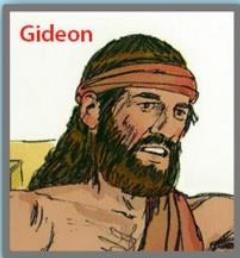
He worshipped idols (v25).

Answers

1) Under the oak tree in Ophrah; 2) Threshing wheat; 3) Midianites; 4) The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of valour; 5) Forsaken them; 6) Save Israel from the Midianites; 7) His family were poor and he was the least in his father's house; 8) The LORD; 9) A kid, unleavened cakes of bread, and broth; 10) Touched it with his staff, set it on fire and departed; 11) He would not die; 12) An altar to the LORD; 13) Jehovah-shalom

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IN THE TIME OF
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God uses people that are willing to be the 'nothings' and 'nobodies' in this world....so that He can have all the glory.

"For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:

But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

That no flesh should glory in his presence."

(1 Corinthians 1v26-29)

Tuesday

Gideon throws down Baal's altar

Bible Reading: Judges 6v25-32

1. When did the LORD speak to Gideon? (v25)
2. What was he to throw down? (v25)

This altar belonged to Joash. He had worshipped Baal. Worshipping idols is breaking God's 2nd commandment (Exodus 20v4-6).

3. What was he to build? (v26)
4. What was he to offer on it? (v25+26)

The first bullock had probably been sacrificed to Baal. Joash worshipped idols. It was his grove that Gideon had to throw down.

5. What did he use the wood of the grove for? (v26)

Everything to do with idol worship had to go! God's worship had to be set up again. This was a big test for Gideon. Gideon had to obey God if he wanted God to use him....and to see his people saved.

6. Why did Gideon do this at night? (v27)
7. Who helped him? (v27)
8. When did the men of the city find out? (v28)
9. What were they going to do to Gideon? (v30)
10. Who did Joash say should be put to death? (v31)
11. What was Gideon called? (v32)

12. Why? (v32)

Joash stood up for his son Gideon. He knew Baal was only an idol. Baal had ears that couldn't hear....eyes that couldn't see....feet that couldn't walk....and hands that couldn't do anything. So, Joash said to let Baal plead for himself. He knew Baal could do nothing!



Answers

- 1) At night; 2) The altar of Baal that his father had made; 3) An altar to the LORD; 4) His father's 2nd bullock of 7 years old; 5) To burn with the burnt sacrifice; 6) He was afraid of his father's household and the men of the city; 7) 10 of his men servants; 8) Early in the morning; 9) Put him to death; 10) Whoever would plead for Baal; 11) Jerubbaal; 12) Let Baal plead against him because he threw down Baal's altar



God will test those He chooses to use. He wants His children to be obedient....so that He can use them.

"For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not."

(2 Corinthians 8v12)

Wednesday

Gideon asks for signs

Bible Reading: Judges 6v33-40

1. Who gathered together? (v33)
2. Where did they pitch? (v33) *Find it on a map*
3. Who came upon Gideon? (v34)
4. What did Gideon do? (v34)
5. Who gathered after him? (v34)

The trumpet was to call them to go to battle. Gideon's father was Joash the Abiezrite (v11). Abiezer was one of the families in the tribe of Manasseh (Joshua 17v2). So, Gideon's family clan followed him.

6. Where did he send messengers? (v35)
7. What did Gideon want a sign for? (v36)
8. What did he ask the LORD to do? (v37)
9. So, what happened? (v38)
10. How much water did he wring out? (v38)
11. What did Gideon NOT want the LORD to be? (v39)
12. What was the 2nd sign he asked for? (v39)
13. So, happened? (v40)

Answers

1) Midianites, Amalekites and children of the east; 2) Valley of Jezreel; 3) The Spirit of the LORD; 4) Blew a trumpet; 5) Abiezer; 6) Throughout all Manasseh, Asher, Zebulun, and Napthali; 7) To show that the LORD would use him to save Israel; 8) If the LORD would use him to save Israel, then the dew would be on the fleece and the ground would be dry; 9) Fleece was wet and the ground was dry; 10) A bowl full; 11) Angry at him; 12) That the fleece would be dry and the ground wet with the dew; 13) Fleece was dry and the ground wet



It's OK to ask God for signs to help you know what He wants you to do. BUT make sure you don't doubt His Word. Also, you don't need signs if God has already told you in His Word what to do.

"Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies." (Psalm 27v11)



God is a Trinity....God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Gideon needed the Holy Spirit to give him power to do this great work.

The Holy Spirit comes to live in us when we get saved. He helps us understand God's Word. He guides us what to do. He gives us strength to tell others about Jesus. He helps us obey God.



Thursday

Gideon's 300 chosen men

Bible Reading: Judges 7v1-8

1. Where were Gideon and his army? (v1+3) *Find it on a map*
2. Where were the Midianites? (v1) *Find it on a map*
3. Why did the LORD say Gideon had too many men? (v2)
4. Who were to go home? (v3)
5. How many went home? (v3)
6. How many were left? (v3)

Gideon must thought...What? Too many? Sure, the Midianites army was so big. They were without number (v12). My army of 32 000 was so small to fight them. How on earth am I going to win with any less men?

7. Where was Gideon to take them? (v4)
8. What would the LORD show Gideon? (v4)
9. What were they to drink? (v5)
10. How did 300 men drink water? (v5+6)
11. What did all the rest do? (v5+6)

Most of the men got right down on their knees to drink water. This meant they weren't ready for battle. Enemies could have easily killed them.

The 300 didn't get down on their knees. They scooped water in their hands....put it up to their mouth.... and lapped it like a dog. They could hold a spear in one hand... and drink with the other. So, they were ready for battle.

12. Who would the LORD use to defeat Midian? (v7+8)

It is not numbers that matter with God. If you are on God's side you cannot lose.



Answers

- 1) Well of Harod, in Mount Gilead; 2) Hill of Moreh; 3) They would vaunt themselves against the LORD; 4) All those who were fearful and afraid; 5) 22 000 men; 6) 10 000 men; 7) Down to the water; 8) Who would go with him and who would go home; 9) water; 10) Lapped water, putting their hand to their mouth; 11) Got down on their knees to drink water; 12) The 300 men that lapped water out of their hand



All true Christians are in God's army. They are in a battle against the devil. We must always be ready to fight for the LORD.

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."

(1 Peter 5v8)



Friday

Midianite's dream

Bible Reading: Judges 7v9-15

1. What did the LORD tell Gideon to do? (v9)
2. When? (v9)
3. Why? (v9)
4. Who went with Gideon? (v10+11)
5. When would Gideon be strengthened? (v11)
6. Who was in the army against Israel? (v12)
7. What were they like? (v12)

This means there army was so very, very big. There was no way 300 men could win against them BUT the LORD would win the battle for them. Israel's army wouldn't be able to boast they did it themselves!

8. What did a man dream? (v13)
9. What did another man say it meant? (v14)
10. What did Gideon do? (v15)
11. What did he tell Israel's army? (v15)

Gideon was ready to lead his little army to battle. He knew the LORD would give them the victory. He believed God!

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might." (Ephesians 6v10)



Sometimes we just need a little encouragement to obey the LORD. Look to the LORD for it BUT don't forget to encourage others to go forward for God!

Answers

1) Go down to the host of Midian; 2) At night; 3) For the LORD would deliver them to Gideon; 4) Phurah, his servant; 5) After he heard what they said; 6) Midianites, Amalekites, and all children of the east; 7) Grasshoppers; 8) A cake of barley bread tumbled into the camp of Midian and knocked down a tent; 9) It was the sword of Gideon, for God would deliver Midian into the hand of Gideon; 10) Worshipped and returned to Israel's camp; 11) Arise; for the LORD hath delivered into your hand the host of Midian.

Saturday

Midianites defeated

Bible Reading: Judges 7v16-25

1. How did Gideon divide his men? (v16)
2. What did he give them? (v16)

Imagine....300 men against a massive army. Gideon gives them trumpets, pitchers and lights...not swords. How on earth would they win?

3. What did he tell them to do? (v17)
4. What were they to shout? (v18)
5. When did Gideon and his men go? (v19)
6. What did they do? (v20)
7. Where did all Gideon's men stand? (v21)
8. What did the Midianite host do? (v21)
9. What did the LORD do? (v22)

The great shout....the light blazing....and Gideon's men coming from 3 directions. This made the Midianites panic. The LORD caused them to kill each other.

10. Where did the Midianites flee to? (v22)
11. Who pursued the Midianites? (v23)
12. What did the men of Ephraim do? (v24) *Find them on a map*
13. What 2 Midianite princes were killed? (v25)

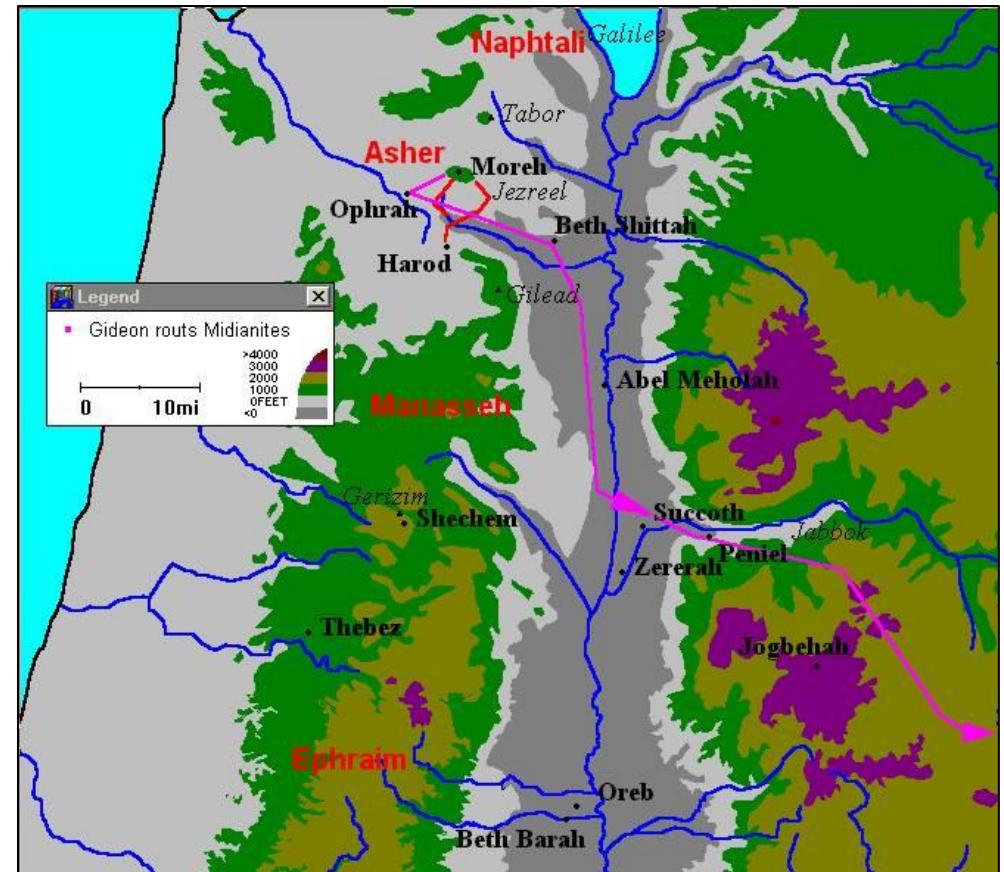
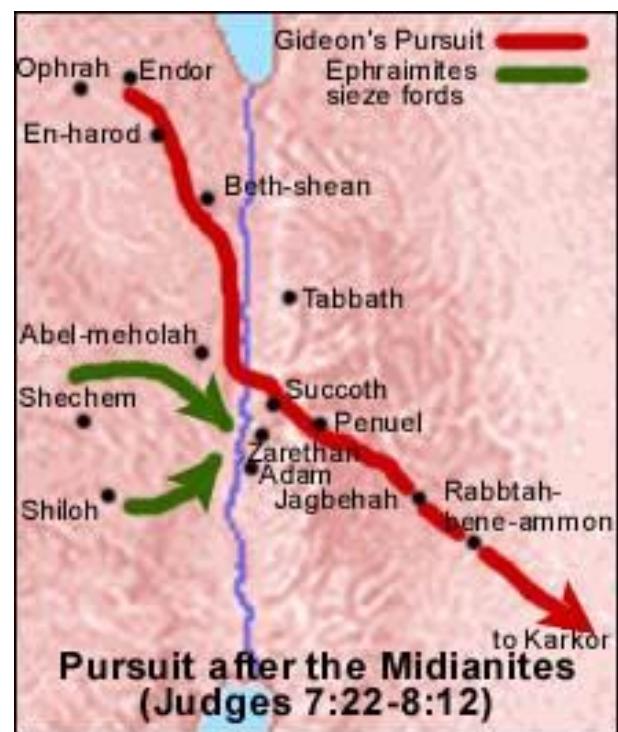
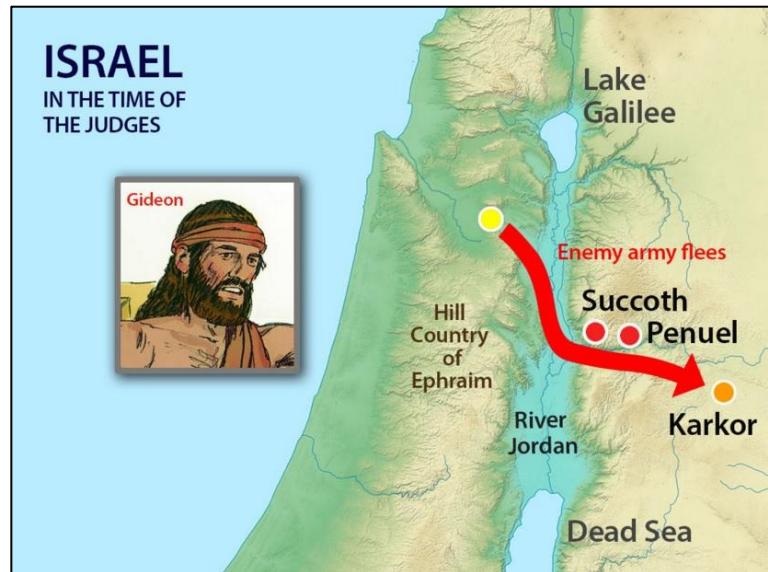


Gideon said, 'Look on me and do thou likewise.'
Good leaders lead people right. Are you a good example to other people?

Answers

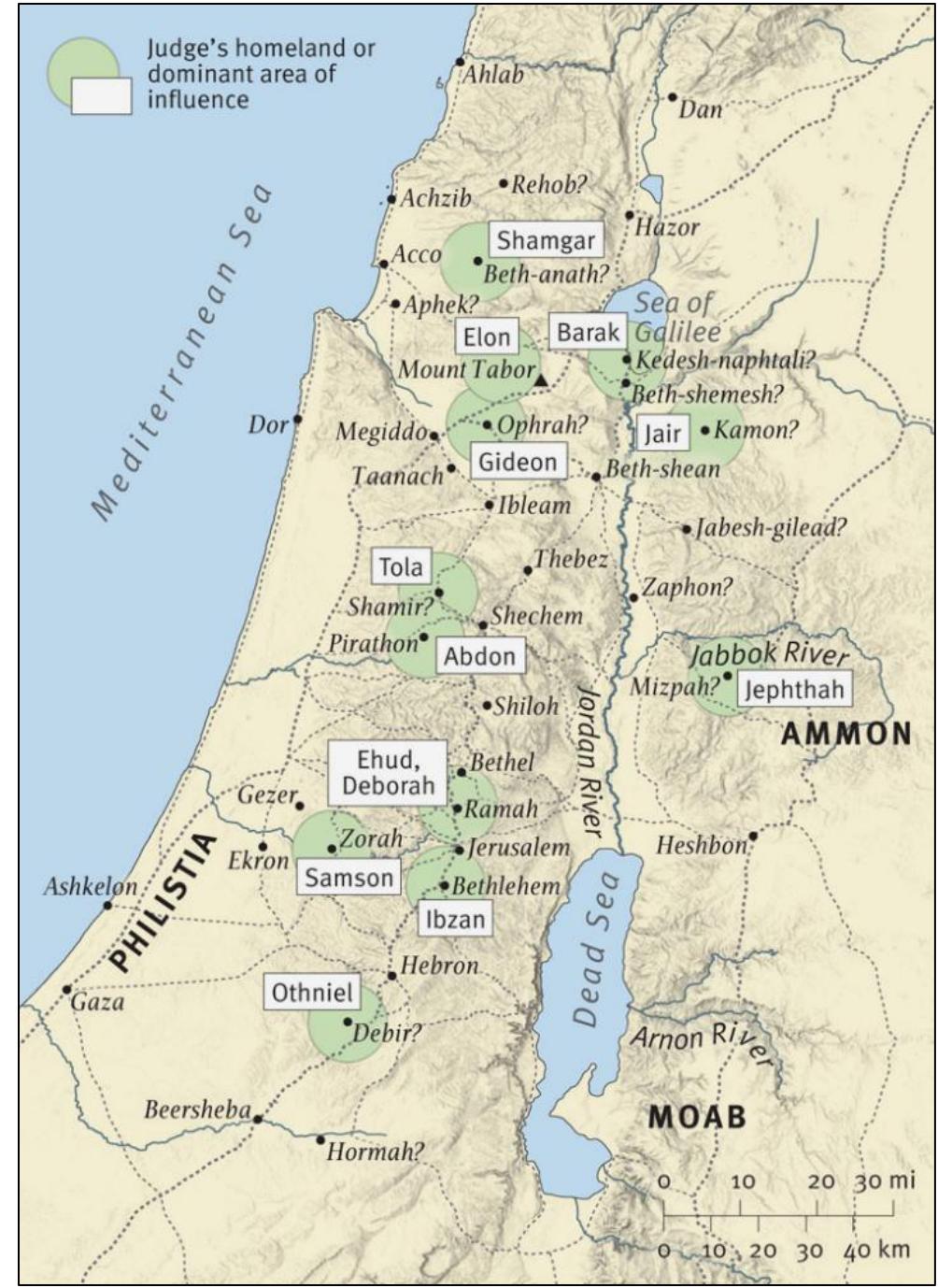
- 1) Into 3 companies; 2) Every man got a trumpet, and a light inside a pitcher; 3) Look on him and do likewise; 4) The sword of the LORD and of Gideon; 5) The beginning of the middle watch in the night; 6) Blew trumpets, broke pitchers, held lights in their left hands and shouted 'The sword of the LORD and of Gideon'; 7) In their place; 8) Ran, cried and fled; 9) Set every man's sword against his fellow; 10) Bethshittah, border of Abel-meholah, to Tabbath; 11) Naphtali, Asher, and Manasseh; 12) Took the waters to Beth-barah and Jordan; 13) Oreb and Zeeb

Maps showing Battle with Midianites



"If God be for us, who can be against us?"

"We are more than conquerors through him that loved us."
(Romans 8v31+37)



EXTENT OF THE CONQUEST

City: Town whose king is said to have been defeated by Israel's forces

- Town inside Israelite control
- Town beyond Israelite control
- Town not captured (*Josh. 13:1-7; 16:10; 17:7-18; Judg. 1*)
- City of refuge
- Town burned by Israelites in conquest

★ Major battle sites of Israel's conquest

■ Area of Israel's control

0 15 30 Miles
0 15 30 Kilometers



Old English words

Afar	Far away
Ass	Donkey
Aught	Anything at all
Befallen	Happened to
Dealt	Done
Dost, Doest	Do
Draw nigh	Come near
Fetch	Go and get
Gat	Get
Hence	From this place
Hereby	By this
Heretofore	Before now
Hindmost	Last
Hither	Here
Midst	Middle
Mixt	Mixed
Nigh	Near
Notwithstanding	Nevertheless, in spite of this
Peradventure	Perhaps
Selfsame	That same

Shew	Show
Thereon	On that
Therewith	With that
Thither	To there
Thou	You (<i>singular</i>)
Thou art	You are
Thrust out	Cast out
Uttermost	Farthest
Whence	From where
Wherefore	Why
Wherewith	With which
Whilst	While
Whither	To where
Whomsoever	Whoever
Wilt	Will
Wit, wot, wist	Know
Wont to do	In the habit of doing
Wrought	Done, made