

12. Gideon Delivers Israel

Quote: And Yahweh said unto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into thine hand: and let all the other people go every man unto his place.

Judges 7:7

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1. *First Advent:*

- a. His father's house was astray from God (**Jud 6:25**) - so was Israel in the days of the Lord Jesus Christ (**Matt 23:2-38**).
- b. Gideon is called, "A great Warrior" or "Mighty man of valour" (**Jud 6:12**) - the Lord Jesus Christ is also styled "Mighty God" - Heb 'Ail Gibbor' - lit 'Mighty Warrior' (**Isa 9:6**).
- c. Both Gideon and Christ were strengthened by angelic ministrations (**Jud 6:12; Luke 22:43**).
- d. Both Gideon and Christ had their offerings Divinely accepted (**Jud 6:21; Heb 10:12**).
- e. The brethren of Gideon sought to kill him (**Jud 6:29-30**), in like manner Christ's brethren sought to kill him (**Luke 22:2**).

2. *Second Coming and Judgment of His Household:*

- a. He removed from his followers all the faithless, the cowards and the rash - the Lord Jesus Christ will do likewise at the judgment seat (**Rom 14:10; Rev 21:8**).

3. *Christ's subjugation of the nations:*

The victory Yahweh wrought through Gideon is plainly set forth by Isaiah as a type of the future destruction of Gog by Christ. He calls that day the "Day of Midian" (**Isa 9:4**) and likens the slaughter of the antitypical Assyrian to that of Oreb and Zeeb (**Isa 10:26**).

- a. Gideon's sudden and expected attack brought victory (**Jud 7:19**), likewise Christ's intervention in Armageddon will be sudden and effective (**Zech 14:3**).
- b. Yahweh turned the Midianites against themselves in mutual slaughter (**Jud 7:22**) - Gog will suffer a similar fate at his own hand in Armageddon (**Ezek 38:21**).
- c. In Gideon's victory, human prowess was denied. Divine intervention brought about the triumph. In the day of Christ, the victory once again will be by the power of God's doing, and not fleshly might (**Zech 4:6; Ezek 38:19-22**).
- d. After the victory, he reproved and punished those Israelites who rejected him earlier - so also will the Lord Jesus Christ at his second coming (**Zech 12:10**).

- e. As a consequence of his triumph, Gideon is made judge over Israel for a typical period of 40 years ([Jud 8:28](#)). Likewise, Jesus Christ established in power will “judge the world in righteousness” ([Acts 17:31](#)).
- f. Gideon’s whose name means “hewer down”, overthrew Baal worship, he types Jesus Christ who will hew down the apostasy and all it’s works ([Rev 18](#)).
- g. He established again the worship of Yahweh – The Lord Jesus Christ will do likewise ([Zech 14:16](#)).
- h. Gideon’s faithful 300 participated with him in his victory and his triumph. Likewise the brethren and sisters of Christ chosen by him will have the honour of subduing the kings of the earth, and will be given power over the nations ([Psa 149:4-9](#); [Rev 2:26](#)).

Purging of Gideon’s Army: (Mark this at the top of Judges 7)

This is typical of the judgment seat of Christ where three classes will be revealed:

1. The fearful and afraid - have no faith. See exhortation in [Phil 1:27-28](#).
2. The self-confident - placed their confidence in the flesh, and did not consider the dangers around them.
3. The vigilant - these are the faithful. They are aware of the dangers of their environment, and their own vulnerability (See [Phil 3:3](#)). While they lapped, they were able to check for dangers, and were able to make sure the water they drank was not adulterated.