

— WAYMARK 23 —

# Deborah & Gideon

## Gideon's three hundred



Gideon's men carry trumpets, pitchers and lamps.

Judges 7:2-7, 16-22

### THINK ABOUT THE STORY

How did the LORD use Gideon's three hundred in the Midianite camp (Judges 7:2-22)?

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# Deborah & Gideon

Judges 1-9

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## Read & think

### READ IN ORDER

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| 1. Judges 1 | 2. Judges 2-3 |
| 3. Judges 4 | 4. Judges 5-6 |
| 5. Judges 7 | 6. Judges 8-9 |

### MAIN POINTS

- Israel did not drive out many people or tear down their altars, and their gods became a snare (Judges 1:27-35; 2:1-3).
- The LORD sent judges to rescue Israel, but the people turned back after a judge died (Judges 2:16-19).
- The LORD gave victories through Othniel, Deborah and Barak, and Gideon's three hundred men (Judges 3:9-10; 4:14-15; 7:7,22).
- Gideon tore down Baal's altar but later made an ephod that became a snare (Judges 6:25-32; 8:27).

### THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. What failure happens again and again near the end of Judges 1 (Judges 1:27-35)?  
Judges 6:25-32
2. Which answer puts Deborah, Barak, the LORD, and Jael in their right parts of the story (Judges 4:4-23)?  
Hebrews 11:32
3. Gideon said the LORD would rule, but later his ephod became a snare (Judges 8:23,27). How can your choices match what you say is true?  
Judges 8:23

### MEMORY VERSE / Judges 6:12

Gideon was threshing wheat by the winepress to hide it when the angel addressed him as a mighty man of valour (Judges 6:11-12).

#### WEB

Yahweh's angel appeared to him, and said to him,  
"Yahweh is with you, you mighty man of valor!"

#### KJV

And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of valour.

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Judges 1-9

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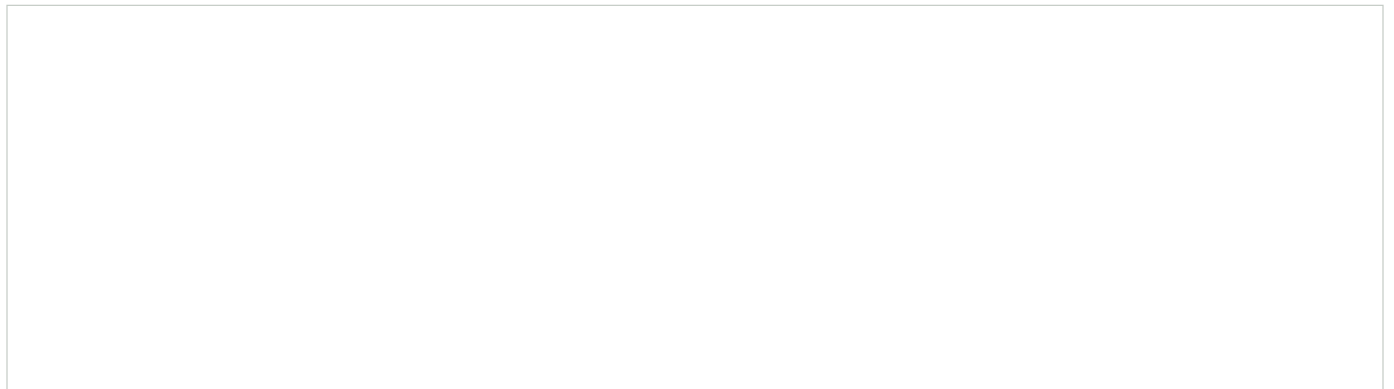
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### DRAW SOMETHING YOU WANT TO REMEMBER



### ONE THING I WANT TO TRY

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Judges 1-9

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### MAIN POINTS

- Judges 1-2 connects incomplete removal and altar disobedience with the continuing snare of other gods (Judges 1:27-35; 2:1-3).
- Deliverance during a judge's life did not stop renewed corruption after that judge died (Judges 2:16-19).
- The text credits the LORD with victories through Othniel, Deborah and Barak, and Gideon's three hundred (Judges 3:9-10; 4:14-15; 7:2-7,22).
- Gideon's Baal-altar obedience and later ephod snare require both parts of his story to be remembered (Judges 6:25-32; 8:24-27).

### THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. Which repeated action in Judges 1 leads into the covenant charge in Judges 2:1-3?

Judges 6:25-32

2. Which sequence accurately assigns the roles in Judges 4:4-23?

Hebrews 11:32

3. Compare Gideon's answer about the LORD's rule in Judges 8:22-23 with the ephod snare in 8:24-27. What warning comes from the contrast?

Judges 8:22-23

### MEMORY VERSE / Judges 2:10

After the generation of Joshua and the elders, another generation arose that knew not the LORD or his works for Israel; the following verses record their service of Baalim (Judges 2:7-13).

#### WEB

After all that generation were gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who didn't know Yahweh, nor the work which he had done for Israel.

#### KJV

And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the LORD, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel.

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Judges 1-9  
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## Notes

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Judges 1-9

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### MAIN POINTS

- The repeated failures of Judges 1 lead into the altar and covenant indictment at Bochim (Judges 1:27-35; 2:1-3).
- Judges 2 describes deliverance during a judge's life followed by greater corruption after death (Judges 2:16-19).
- Othniel, Deborah and Barak, and Gideon's reduced force all act within victories credited to the LORD (Judges 3:9-10; 4:14-15; 7:2-7,22).
- Gideon both destroys Baal's altar and later creates an ephod that becomes a snare (Judges 6:25-32; 8:24-27).

### THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. How do the repeated words about tribes not driving out inhabitants in Judges 1 prepare for the angel's message in Judges 2:1-3?

Judges 1:27-35

2. Which parts of the Judges 2:11-19 pattern appear in the accounts of Othniel, Ehud, Deborah and Barak, and Gideon?

Judges 2:11-19

3. Gideon rejected hereditary rule in Judges 8:22-23 but made the ephod that became a snare in 8:24-27. How can a later choice contradict a true statement?

Judges 8:22-23

### MEMORY VERSE / Judges 7:2

The LORD states why the army was too large: Israel might vaunt itself and say its own hand had saved it (Judges 7:2).

#### WEB

Yahweh said to Gideon, "The people who are with you are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hand, lest Israel brag against me, saying, 'My own hand has saved me.'

#### KJV

And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people that are with thee are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me.

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Judges 1-9

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### MAIN POINTS

- The incomplete occupation notices in Judges 1 feed directly into the covenant and altar indictment at Bochim (Judges 1:27-35; 2:1-3).
- The judges framework combines divine deliverance with Israel's return to greater corruption after each judge's death (Judges 2:16-19).
- The narrative locates agency under the LORD's deliverance through Othniel, Deborah and Barak, and Gideon's intentionally reduced force (Judges 3:9-10; 4:14-15; 7:2-7,22).
- Gideon's destruction of Baal's altar and construction of the ephod form an internal warning against reading his legacy one-sidedly (Judges 6:25-32; 8:24-27).

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Judges 1:27-35

2. Which parts of the Judges 2:11-19 pattern appear in the accounts of Othniel, Ehud, Deborah and Barak, and Gideon?

Judges 2:11-19

3. Read Gideon's refusal of dynastic rule in Judges 8:22-23 beside the ephod snare in 8:24-27. How does this tension shape a careful assessment of his legacy?

Judges 8:22-23

### MEMORY VERSE / Judges 2:16-17

The LORD raised judges who delivered Israel, yet the people would not hearken and quickly turned to other gods (Judges 2:16-17).

### WEB

Yahweh raised up judges, who saved them out of the hand of those who plundered them. Yet they didn't listen to their judges; for they prostituted themselves to other gods, and bowed themselves down to them. They quickly turned away from the way in which their fathers walked, obeying Yahweh's commandments. They didn't do so.

### KJV

Nevertheless the LORD raised up judges, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them. And yet they would not hearken unto their judges, but they went a whoring after other gods, and bowed themselves unto them: they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers walked in, obeying the commandments of the LORD; but they did not so.

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