

# **The Book of Judges: Chapters 7 & 8**

*Sunday, October 27 – Wednesday, October 30*

## **Chapter 7:** Sunday, October 27

**(1 – 3)** Why did God want to reduce the number of men under Gideon's command? Subsequently, what instructions did God give to Gideon, and what was the result? (*Proverbs 3: 5 – 6*)

**(4 – 8)** What method did God devise to determine who would go into battle? How did the people respond, and what were the resulting numbers?

**(9 – 12)** What instructions did God give to Gideon, and how did Gideon respond? What did Gideon's response indicate about his faith? How was the army of the Midianites and Amalekites described?  
(*1 Thessalonians 5: 14 – 15*)

**(13 – 14)** Consider the dream that Gideon overheard from the enemy soldiers. How did the first soldier describe his dream, and how did the second soldier interpret its meaning?

**(15 – 18)** How did Gideon organize his 300 men for battle? What equipment did he provide to each soldier, and what instructions did Gideon provide? What would be their battle cry?

**(19 – 23)** Describe the actions of Gideon and his 300 men. What action did God take against the enemy soldiers? What was the outcome of the battle?

**(24 – 25)** What instructions did Gideon give to the tribe of Ephraim? What action did the Israelites take against the two Midianite princes who were captured?

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## **Chapter 8:** Wednesday, October 30

**(1 – 3)** What criticism did the men of Ephraim direct toward Gideon? What did this indicate about their faith? How did Gideon respond?

(Philippians 2: 3 – 4)

**(4 – 9)** What request did Gideon make to the men of Succoth? How did they respond to his request, and what pledge did Gideon make in response? Similarly, what pledge did Gideon make to the men of Penuel?

**(10 – 12)** When Gideon and his men caught up with the remnants of the enemy army, how many Midianite soldiers remained, and how many had already been killed? What action did Gideon and his men take against the remaining enemy troops and their leaders?

**(13 – 17)** What information did the young man from Succoth provide to Gideon? What action did Gideon take against the leaders of Succoth and the city of Penuel?

**(18 – 21)** Describe the meaning of the question that Gideon asked to the two captured Midianite kings, and the meaning of their answer. What order did Gideon give to his son Jether, and how did his son respond? What comment did the enemy kings make, and what action did Gideon take?

**(22 – 23)** What request did the men of Israel make to Gideon, and how did Gideon respond? (*1 Samuel 8: 4 – 9*)

**(24 – 27)** What did Gideon make with the jewelry that was captured from the Midianites? What was his purpose in making this item, and what effect did it have on the people? (*Exodus 28: 4*)

**(28 – 35)** What was the strategic result of the victory over the Midianites and their allies? What happened to the people of Israel after Gideon's death, and how did they treat Gideon's descendants?