

THE BOOK OF JUDGES

ISRAEL IN THE TIME OF THE JUDGES
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JUDGES CHAPTER 6:14-32

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

"LET A MAN ARISE" – PART 3

*ISRAEL DURING THE PERIOD OF THE JUDGES
AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATION*

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Worship, Praise, Meditation, Reflection, Remembering

Introduction to the Text;

Judges 6:14-32

**Sin is the Breaking of a Spiritual Law
and sin prosecuted brings about consequences.**

Sin αJmarta;nw hamartano, *ham-ar-tan'-o*;

to miss the target, the mark. to fault, to offend, to cross the line.

The Bible Says, Numbers 32:23

But if you do not do so, then take note, you have sinned against the LORD;
and be sure your sin will find you out.

Galatians 6:7-8

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. :8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

Sin is a personal thing – it's mine, it's yours...

James 1:13-16

Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. :14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. :15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. :16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

and Israel, as individuals, wandered away from the Lord to other gods and so went the nation...

Proverbs 14:34

Righteousness exalts a nation,
But sin *is* a reproach to *any* people

**Until Danger, Calamity Humbled the Nation,
Only Then Could God Raise Up a Deliverer;**

then came the hope of revival, when God's people repent and cry out to the Lord for forgiveness.

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1.) In the **things** that lead us toward revival v. 1-6

2.) In the **things** that the LORD desires v. 7-10

3.) In the **things** that the LORD can see v. 11-13

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4.) In the **things** that are not his own v. 14-16

Judges 6:14-16

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Power, Position, Place

was not Gideons by birth or by ascent

Verse 14

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Verse 12

And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him, and said to him, ***“The LORD is with you, you mighty man of valor!”***

how many times in our lives do we read these great promises from God in the Bible and then stumble over them?

we must learn to take hold of what he has declared.

Verse 13

Gideon Asks, Then Why?

“O my lord, ***if*** the LORD is with us, ***why*** then has all this happened to us? And ***where*** are all His miracles which our fathers told us about, saying, ‘Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?’ ***But now*** the LORD has forsaken us and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites.”

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Gideon, You Go, I’ve Sent You

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5.) In the **things** that we cannot comprehend v. 17-24

Judges 6:17-23

Then he said to Him, "If now I have found favor in Your sight, then show me a sign that it is You who talks with me. :18 Do not depart from here, I pray, until I come to You and bring out my offering and set *it* before You." And He said, "I will wait until you come back."

"If now I have found **favor** in Your sight.
(that is a special place, a select position)

**Gideon's Life is a Picture of the Christian Life
we may not understand it all, but we have it all**

Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable *are* His judgments and His ways past finding out! :34 *"For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?"* :35 *"Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?"* :36 For of Him and through Him and to Him *are* all things, to whom *be* glory forever. Amen.

Job 9:10

He does great things past finding out,

Gideon's desire is to discern the will of God

That's What Paul's Cry Was

Philippians 3:10

that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

how can we know the will of God
for our lives?

Know the Bible. **Do** the Bible. **See** the Bible

Know the Bible.

your life has been programmed in a way that the Bible has every answer to your every issue of life.

Do the Bible.

literally take a promise and memorize it from the scriptures, eat it up.

See the Bible

look for God to answer you, and He will answer you clearly by your time in the Bible, by situations, by messages, by sermons, by the things of the Spirit.

Verse 19

So Gideon went in and prepared a young goat, and unleavened bread from an ephah of flour. The meat he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot; and he brought *them* out to Him under the terebinth tree and presented *them*. (*about two hours time*)

Verse 20-21

The Angel of God said to him, "Take the meat and the unleavened bread and lay *them* on this rock, and pour out the broth." And he did so. :21 Then the Angel of the LORD put out the end of the staff that was in His hand, and touched the meat and the unleavened bread; and fire rose out of the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened bread. And the Angel of the LORD departed out of his sight.

Verse 22-24

Now Gideon **perceived** (concluded) that He was the Angel of the LORD. So Gideon said, "Alas, O Lord GOD! For I have seen the Angel of the LORD face to face." :23 Then the LORD said to him, "**Peace be with you; do not fear, you shall not die.**" :24 So Gideon built an altar there to the LORD, and called it (Shalom) (lit. "The LORD Is Peace.") To this day it *is* still in Ophrah of the Abby-z-rites

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6.) In the things that are practical

v. 25-32

Now it came to pass the same night that the LORD said to him, "Take your father's young bull, the second bull of seven years old, and tear down the altar of **Baal** that your father has, and cut down the wooden image that *is* beside it; **:26** and build an altar to the LORD your God on top of this rock in the proper arrangement, and take the second bull and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the image which you shall cut down." **:27** So Gideon took ten men from among his servants and did as the LORD had said to him. But because he feared his father's household and the men of the city too much to do *it* by day, he did *it* by night.

Verse 28-30

:28 And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, there was the altar of Baal, torn down; and the wooden image that *was* beside it was cut down, and the second bull was being offered on the altar *which had been* built. **:29** So they said to one another, "Who has done this thing?" And when they had inquired and asked, they said, "Gideon the son of Joash has done this thing." **:30** Then the men of the city said to Joash, "Bring out your son, that he may die, because he has torn down the altar of Baal, and because he has cut down the wooden image that *was* beside it."

Verse 31-32

:31 But Joash said to all who stood against him, "Would you **plead** for Baal? Would you **save** him? Let the one who would plead for him be put to death by morning! If he *is* a god, let him plead for himself, because his altar has been torn down!" **:32** Therefore on that day he called him (Gideon) Jerub'baal, saying, "Let Baal plead against him, because he has torn down his altar."

"Jerub'baal" Gideon's New Nick Name

Who Is Ba'al ?

"Classical Hebrew sources relate how the worship of Baal often included that of child sacrifice to Ba'al Ham'mon known also as Molech. There is an increasing numbers of scholars who tend to see Ba'al Hammon as the ancient chief Babylonian moon god." - Yigal Yadin

If You Have to Defend Your God, it's time you came to know the One True God, Yahweh, The Lord God.

The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob – He’s real !

T h e r e ' s N o t h i n g N e w U n d e r t h e S u n

1 Kings 18:23-39

Therefore let them give us two bulls; and let them choose one bull for themselves, cut it in pieces, and lay *it* on the wood, but put no fire *under it*; and I will prepare the other bull, and lay *it* on the wood, but put no fire *under it*. :24 Then you call on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD; and the God who answers by fire, He is God.” So all the people answered and said, “It is well spoken.” :25 Now Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, “Choose one bull for yourselves and prepare *it* first, for you *are* many; and call on the name of your god, but put no fire *under it*.”.....
.....:26 So they took the bull which was given them, and they prepared *it*, and called on the name of Baal from morning even till noon, saying, “O Baal, hear us!” But *there was* no voice; no one answered. Then they leaped about the altar which they had made.
:27 And so it was, at noon, that Elijah mocked them and said, “Cry aloud, for he *is* a god; either he is meditating, or he is busy, or he is on a journey, *or* perhaps he is sleeping and must be awakened.” :28 So they cried aloud, and cut themselves, as was their custom, with knives and lances, until the blood gushed out on them. :29 And when midday was past, they prophesied until the *time* of the offering of the *evening* sacrifice. But *there was* no voice; no one answered, no one paid attention. :30 Then Elijah said to all the people, “Come near to me.” So all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD *that was* broken down. :31 And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD had come, saying, “Israel shall be your name.” :32 Then with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD; and he made a trench around the altar large enough to hold two seahs of seed. :33 And he put the wood in order, cut the bull in pieces, and laid *it* on the wood, and said, “Fill four waterpots with water, and pour *it* on the burnt sacrifice and on the wood.” :34 Then he said, “Do *it* a second time,” and they did *it* a second time; and he said, “Do *it* a third time,” and they did *it* a third time. :35 So the water ran all around the altar; and he also filled the trench with water. :36 And it came to pass, at *the time* of the offering of the *evening* sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, “LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You *are* God in Israel and I *am* Your servant, and *that* I have done all these things at Your word. :37 Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that You *are* the LORD God, and *that* You have turned their hearts back *to You* again.” :38 Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that *was* in the trench. :39 Now when all the people saw *it*, they fell on their faces; and they said, “The LORD, He *is* God! The LORD, He *is* God!”

so what do we learn from all this?

(1) - there are **dangers** to sin

Galatians 5:19-21

Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, :20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, :21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

(2) - there are **wages** that sin pays out

Romans 3:23

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(3) - there is the **fallout** from sin

Exodus 20:5

you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth *generations* of those who hate Me,

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, :10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.....

.....1 Corinthians 6:11

And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

Turn to Hebrews 11-
the lifestyles of the righteous and faithful

————— *End of Study* —————