

GREAT MEN OF THE BIBLE
Pt. 3 – 'Gideon'
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Judges 2:20-22 (NIV)

^[20] Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel and said, "Because this nation has violated the covenant that I laid down for their forefathers and has not listened to me,

^[21] I will no longer drive out before them any of the nations Joshua left when he died.

^[22] I will use them to test Israel and see whether they will keep the way of the LORD and walk in it as their forefathers did."

1. Israel's Sin

Judges 6:1-5 (NIV)

^[1] Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD, and for seven years he gave them into the hands of the Midianites.

2. Israel's Discipline from God

^[3] Whenever the Israelites planted their crops, the Midianites, Amalekites and other eastern peoples invaded the country.

^[5] They came up with their livestock and their tents like swarms of locusts. It was impossible to count the men and their camels; they invaded the land to ravage it.

3. Israel's Cry for Help

Judges 6:7 (NIV)

^[7] When the Israelites cried to the LORD because of Midian,

4. Israel's Deliverance - Gideon's Call

Judges 6:12 (NIV)

^[12] When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said, "The LORD is with you, mighty warrior."

5. Israel's Peace

Judges 8:28 (NIV)

^[28] Thus Midian was subdued before the Israelites and did not raise its head again. During Gideon's lifetime, the land enjoyed peace forty years.

The End of Judges

Judges 21:25 (NIV)

^[25] In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit.

