

RIGHT IN THE EYE
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Judges 21:25 (NASB)

In those days there was no king in Israel; **everyone did what was right in his own eyes.**

Hebrews 11:32 (NIV)

And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon,...

Judges 6:1 (NIV)

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

Judges 6:11-12 (NIV)

^[11] ...where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites.

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

Judges 6:14 (NIV)

The LORD turned to him and said, "Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?"

Judges 6:17 (NIV)

Gideon replied, "If now I have found favor in your eyes, give me a sign that it is really you talking to me.

OFFERING...

Judges 6:25 (NIV)

...Tear down your father's altar to Baal and cut down the Asherah pole beside it.

FATHER...

Judges 6:31 (NIV)

...If Baal really is a god, he can defend himself when someone breaks down his altar."

GIDEON BLEW A TRUMPET

THE TEST WITH THE FLEECE

Judges 6:36 (NIV)

Gideon said to God, "If you will save Israel by my hand as you have promised—

YOU HAVE TOO MANY MEN

Judges 7:2-3 (NIV)

^[2] The LORD said to Gideon, "You have too many men for me to deliver Midian into their hands. In order that Israel may not boast against me that her own strength has saved her,

^[3] announce now to the people, 'Anyone who trembles with fear may turn back and leave Mount Gilead.'" So **twenty-two thousand** men left, while **ten thousand remained**.

STILL TOO MANY MEN

Judges 7:4 (NIV)

But the LORD said to Gideon, "There are still too many men. Take them down to the water,...

Judges 7:7 (NIV)

The LORD said to Gideon, "With the **three hundred men** that lapped I will save you and give the Midianites into your hands. Let all the other men go, each to his own place."

IF YOU ARE AFRAID

Judges 7:9 (NIV)

During that night the LORD said to Gideon, "Get up, go down against the camp, because I am going to give it into your hands.

135,000 MIDIANITES 8:10

Judges 7:22 (NIV)

When the three hundred trumpets sounded, the LORD caused the men throughout the camp to turn on each other with their swords.

Judges 8:28 (NIV)

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