

THE FAMOUS JUDGE IN ISRAEL

Introduction: Forty years after Barak and Deborah delivered Israel from the Canaanites, the Israelites lapsed back into idolatry. Because they were unfaithful to the LORD, He permitted the Midianites to terrorize them for seven years. When they repented and cried to Him for help, He called Gideon to deliver them from the Midianites. Gideon resisted the LORD's call, like many do today when they learn that they are called to be witnesses for Him to lost people. Even so, Gideon's task was far more difficult and dangerous.

Lesson Aim: To discover the way the Lord shows us His plan to us each day of our lives

Memory Verse: Jesus said, "You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatever you shall ask in My name, He may give it you" (Jn 15:16).

Outline of the Lesson and Questions to Answer:

I. Concerns of Gideon - 6:1-24

1. How did the Midianites oppress Israel? 6:4-5
2. Why was the LORD angry with Israel? 6:8-10
3. What did Gideon tell the LORD when He told him to deliver Israel from the Midianites? 6:14-15
4. How did the LORD calm Gideon's concern about destroying the Midianites? 6:16
5. What sign did the LORD give to Gideon to prove He would keep His promise? 6:17-21
6. Why did Gideon think that he was going to die? 6:22-23

II. Courage of Gideon - 6:25-32

7. What did the LORD command Gideon to do before he could destroy the Midianites? 6:25-26
8. How did Gideon's obedience show his courage? 6:27-30

III. Conditioning of Gideon - 6:33-7:15

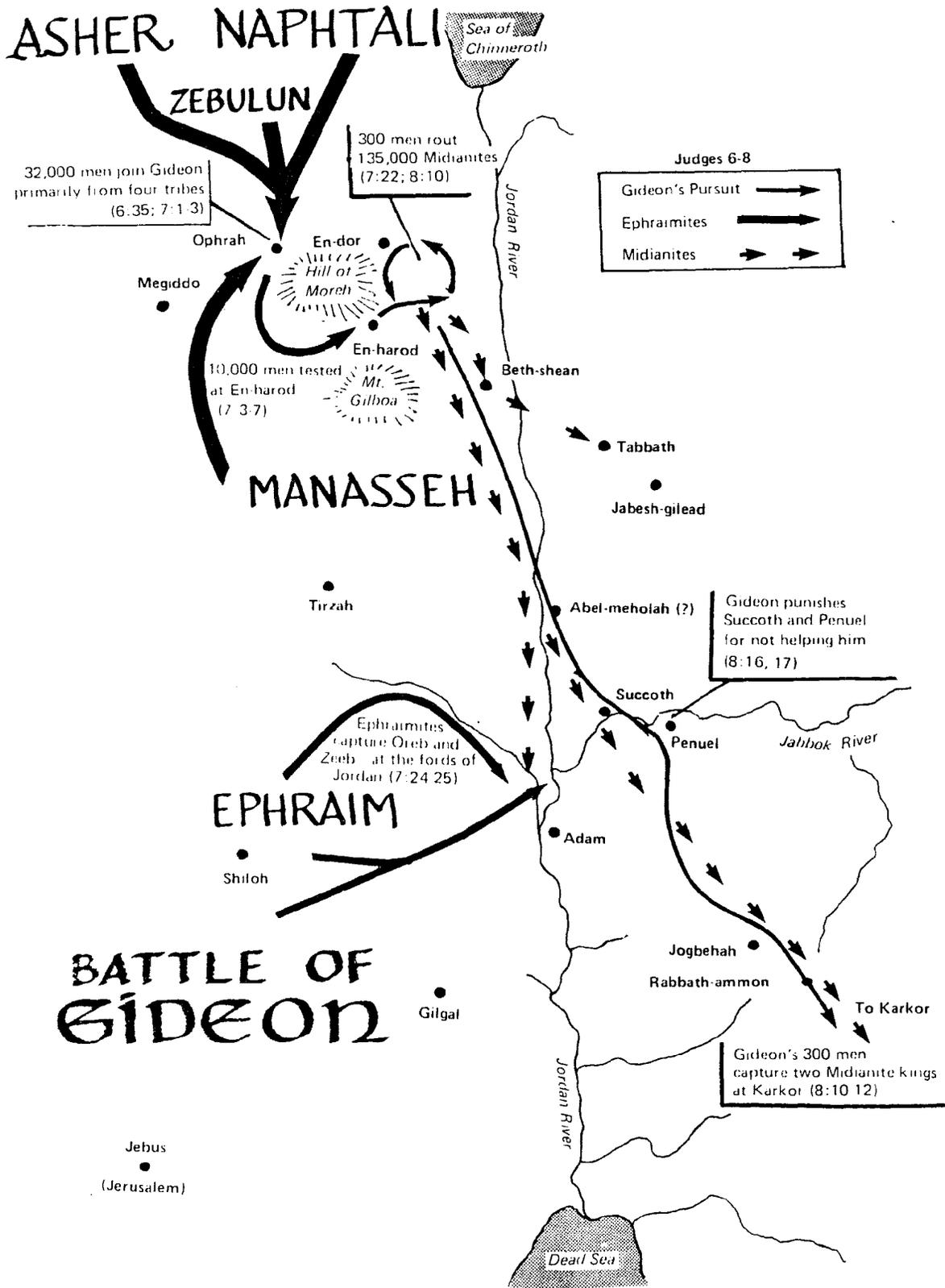
9. How did Gideon want the LORD to prove He would deliver Israel by him? 6:36-40
10. Why did the LORD cut Gideon's army from 32,000 to 300? 7:2-6
11. How did the LORD prove He would defeat Midian by Gideon? 7:9-14
12. How did Gideon respond to the interpretation of the Midianite's dream? 7:15

IV. Conquest of Gideon - 7:16-8:21

13. How did Gideon win the major battle against the Midianites without using any weapons? 7:19-22
14. How many Midianites and allies were killed in Israel? 8:10
15. What did 300 men with Gideon do to the 15,000 Midianites that escaped from Israel? 8:4, 10
16. How many Midianite kings and princes were executed? 7:24-25; 8:12, 21

V. Conduct of Gideon - 8:22-35

17. How did Gideon respond to his army when they wanted to make him their king? 8:22-23
18. How did Gideon sin and cause his house and Israel to sin? 8:27



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