

Lesson 32

The Judge Gideon and His Victory Over the Midianites

Judges 6:11-7:25



Teacher, please remember that the commentary below is intended to help you in your study, not to be read to your students. Make your own list of applications, using the help from the commentary, but don't necessarily try to cover everything! Think of the students in your class, then be prayerfully selective.

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1. Preparation

- 1) Choose memory verse
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2. Memory verse

JUDGES 6:16

“And the LORD said to him, ‘Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat the Midianites as one man.’”

3. Themes

God wants to do great things through our lives, but when He does, He wants the credit for it!

4. Lesson introduction

To the teacher: This is a **combined lesson** on the calling of Gideon to oppose the Midianites and on how God used him to defeat the Midianite armies. There’s a lot of content in the text—be sure to ask the parents of your children to read the two chapters ahead of the class.

The Midianites were Bedouin tribes who made a practice of stealing food and livestock from other peoples. The Israelites were afraid of them and would hide in caves and try to work without being discovered. God chose to use an unlikely man by the name of Gideon to lead His people to victory. But the victory was thanks to God’s power working through Gideon, not through Gideon’s great strength, intelligence or influence.

5. Verse by Verse Commentary

Judges 6:11-12

Gideon, a man from the territory of Benjamin (town of Ophrah) was threshing wheat one day in a winepress (not on the threshing floor as was the normal practice) in order to hide from the Midianites, who were tribes from the eastern side of the Jordan River who would invade the land of Israel and take all the crops from the Jews. Gideon was surprised by a visitor, not a Midianite, but “an Angel of the Lord.” It is believed that this may have been a “Theophony” or an appearance of the Lord Jesus Himself. The angel greets Gideon with the words, “The Lord is with you, you mighty man of valor.” Do you think that a “mighty man of valor” would be hiding his work out of fear? No, probably not; yet God, in His great grace and love, sees much more in His children than we do.

God promised to be with Gideon. We, too have this promise-- Hebrews 13:5b: “I will never leave you or forsake you.” What assurance to know the creator of the universe, all powerful and able to deliver, is with us! **God wants to do great things through our lives.**

Judges 6:13-14

Did Gideon reply with joyous faith? No, he answered doubtfully, "If the Lord be with us, why then has all this befallen us? and where are all His miracles which our fathers told us about..." Perhaps, Gideon felt like the Lord had forgotten His people; yet, God "will never leave us or forsake us." In those times that seem like we are all alone and we "feel" forgotten, we must remember His promise--He is always with us, and He knows all about our situation.

Note: "...the LORD turned to him..." He is not referred to as the "Angel of the Lord," but as "the Lord". At the end of verse 14, He says, "Have not I sent you?" With God's promise, "The Lord is with you," the Lord encourages Gideon to "go in this might of yours..." In the Lord, we are mighty! In Psalm 60:12 we read, "Through God we shall do valiantly: for it is He who shall tread down our enemies."

Judges 6:15-22

Gideon now realizes that he was not speaking with a mere man; he replies, "O my Lord." Knowing his personal weakness, it is hard for Gideon to believe God could use him in such a way. God patiently reminds Gideon, "...I will be with you." Through the mighty God, he would "smite the Midianites as one man."

Gideon asked the Angel of the Lord to assure him, by a sign, that He was indeed God. Gideon brought the Lord a sacrificial gift of food. After Gideon put the meat in a basket, put the broth in a pot, and made the unleavened cakes, he brought them before the Lord. The Lord commanded him to lay the flesh and the cakes upon a rock close by and to pour the broth upon it, making it an offering to the Lord. When he had done this, the Lord touched the food with the end of His staff, fire came out of the rock and consumed the food, and the Lord vanished from Gideon's sight.

Gideon received the sign he wanted. Now, he knew that the person who had come to him was indeed the Lord; however, this realization filled him with fear. He cried out, "'O Lord God,' for I have seen an angel of the Lord face to face." How do we know that Gideon was afraid? Let's read the next verse.

Judges 6:23-24

The Lord tells Gideon, "Peace be with you, do not fear, you shall not die." God would not have told Gideon to "fear not", if he was not afraid. God is always ready to reassure our hearts--to give those who stand in awe of His majesty assurances of His mercy. In a heart of gratitude for this comforting assurance, Gideon built an altar to the Lord and called it "Jehovah-shalom" which means "the Lord is peace."

Judges 6:25-32

Now, before Gideon was to carry out the work entrusted to him, it was necessary that he first purify his father's house from idolatry and sanctify his own life and work to the Lord. God commanded him to destroy his father's altar to Baal and to build an altar to Jehovah in which he could sacrifice a burnt offering.

God will not tolerate idolatry. It was necessary that the altar of Baal be destroyed before the altar of Jehovah could be built. Gideon would destroy the altar of Baal; however, this "mighty man of valor" would not do it in the light of day, but in the night, hidden from his father and the townspeople. But when the people discovered Gideon was the one who had destroyed their altar, they demanded he be put to death. Gideon's father, Joash, had a wise answer—perhaps, he was inspired by the faith of his son. He stood by Gideon's decision with favor and asserted that Baal should decide the matter since it was his altar and image that were torn down. If Baal were really God, he might be expected to avenge the crime that had been committed against his altar. When the people saw that Baal did not (could not) hurt Gideon, Gideon received the name, "Jerubbaal" (let Baal fight or decide).

Just as Gideon sought to sanctify (set apart) himself to the Lord by destroying the idol worship that existed in his family, so God desires that we tear down anything in our hearts that would keep us from completely focusing on the Lord. An idol is anything that assumes priority over our relationship with the Lord. We cannot serve the idols of this world and hope to also serve God. God wants our whole heart. (See Romans 12:1,2).

Judges 6:33-35

The enemy gathered together again and went over the Jordan, encamping in the valley of Jezreel. Next we see, "the Spirit of Jehovah came upon Gideon." This means that the Spirit of God clothed or descended upon him, surrounding him like armor. Gideon became invincible in the might of the Holy Spirit. Gideon then blew the trumpet to call Israel to battle against the foe. He sent messengers throughout all Manasseh, Asher, Zebulun and Naphtali, and they all came up to meet them. They came to support the one who challenged the false god and won. When we take a stand for the Lord, it may surprise us to see others become willing to support us and encouraged themselves to stand for the Lord. Let us take a

stand for the Lord, without wavering. **God wants to do great things through our lives.**

Judges 6:36-40

Here we see Gideon asking for a sign from God. Gideon sought confirmation and assurance of God's presence as he determined to go into battle against the Midianites. God granted his request. The "fleece," or sign which Gideon asked for, was that God would cause the dew to fall only on a fleece which he would spread the previous night upon some open ground and that the ground all around might not be wet from the dew. After this sign, Gideon still asked God for His grace by granting another sign for Gideon—this time, that the fleece might remain dry, and the ground all around it be wet with dew. God granted him this request also.

Gideon knew that his human strength was not sufficient for the defeat of the enemy. Putting out the fleece seems to have been a sign of Gideon's weak faith. It should be enough for us that God tells us to do something---we do not have to have special signs or new confirmation if God has already revealed His will in the Bible. But God was so patient with Gideon that He gave him answers through these sign miracles. God is very patient with his people! Gideon's decision is recorded in the Bible to show God's patience and man's weakness, not to urge us to do the same thing as Gideon did.

Remember now, the Midianites would come into Israel's land and wipe out all their food supply. They destroyed their livestock (cows and sheep), their crops (grains and wheat to make bread), and other possessions of the children of Israel. For fear of the Midianites, the Israelites had begun to hide in caves. The Bible says, "they cried out to God and He heard their prayers." Once again, God moved to deliver the children of Israel. God called Gideon to lead a small army into battle.

Judges 7:1-8

God moved to deliver Israel. But He did not want Israel to glory, boasting that their own strength and resources had won the battle. God desired all the glory for the victory He would give. He wanted to teach the Israelites to depend on Him. Gideon and his army were camped together near the well of Harod. His army, at that time, numbered 32,000 soldiers. Gideon's army was nothing compared to the Midianite army, numbering 135,000 soldiers (Judges 8:10). Gideon was probably concerned; but perhaps, he thought his army of 32,000 could defeat them with the help of the Lord.

The Lord had other plans in mind. The Lord said to Gideon, "The people who are with you are too many for Me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel claim glory for itself against Me, saying, 'my own hand has saved me.'" Can you imagine what Gideon must have thought? "Too many soldiers? I'm already short about 100,000 men!" However, Gideon obeyed the voice of the Lord and followed His instructions. He said to his army, "If there is anyone afraid among you, let him depart from here." At that time, 22,000 left to go home and only 10,000 remained. Now the army was much smaller! But God was not yet finished sifting the army. God told Gideon there were still too many people. He told Gideon to take the men down and let them drink water. He was to separate the ones who lapped up the water like dogs from those who got on their knees to drink. Gideon kept the 300 men who drew water to their mouths and sent the other 9,700 home.

Judges 7:9-14

The Lord came to Gideon that same night and told him that it was time for the attack against the Midianites. Now, Gideon must have been a little scared about leading an army of 300 against an army of 135,000 soldiers. God graciously told Gideon that if he was still afraid, he and his servant, Purah, should go down to the camp of Midian; and there, his hands will be strengthened and encouraged to lead God's chosen army into battle. Gideon and Purah went down into the camp of Midian where they overheard a man telling his dream to his friend. He dreamed that a loaf of barley bread tumbled into camp and struck a tent and overturned it. The man's friend interpreted the dream saying, "This is nothing else but the sword of Gideon...into his hand God has delivered Midian and the whole camp."

The Lord is a gracious God and full of mercy. When we are afraid, He does not get angry with us; He reassures us. Whether through a person or through the richness of the Bible, God comforts His children. It seems Gideon was a fearful man from the beginning. Why would God choose someone as weak as Gideon? God often chooses to use those that are weak and helpless apart from His help in order that He might receive the glory for what He has accomplished through them.

In 1 Corinthians 1:27-29 we read, "But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty...that no flesh should glory in his presence." Perhaps you have thought that God cannot use you because you are weak in some areas. Not so, it is God who enables us to do what He has called us to do. **God wants to do great things through our lives, but when He does, He wants to receive the glory for it!**

Judges 7:15-25

Upon hearing the dream and its interpretation, Gideon worshipped God. Then, he went back to the camp of Israel and told his men "...the LORD has delivered the camp of Midian into your hand." Gideon split the army into three companies and gave them each trumpets and torches to hide inside empty jars. After receiving instructions for the battle, the three companies positioned themselves.

Just as the guards for the Midianite army were put on their posts for their shift, Gideon blew his trumpet and smashed his jar. His torch glowed against the dark sky and he shouted "a sword of the Lord and of Gideon." All the other soldiers did likewise. This confused the Midianites so much that they began to attack one another, thinking that there was more than one army fighting against them. The Midianites fled and the men of Israel pursued them. Gideon sent messengers throughout all the land calling them to pursue the Midianites.

The children of Israel could not say that they beat the Midianites through their own strength--it was all the Lord's doing. The Lord defeated the Midianite army with three hundred men led by feeble Gideon! God would receive the glory for His work and would again demonstrate that in times of war or peace, He was worthy of their trust.

God wants to be glorified in our lives. Our weaknesses provide opportunity for God to receive the glory for His work! We need only surrender our lives and do what He has commanded us to do. **God wants to do great things through our lives, and when He does, He wants the glory for it!**

6. Prayer:

Lead the children in a prayer of commitment that their lives be set apart for God's will. Have the children thank the Lord that He desires to do great things with their lives. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity.

7. Attention Grabbers

Water Prisms

Make a cover for a flashlight by cutting a very thin slit in a circle of heavy paper and taping the paper to the light. Place a clear glass of water on the edge of a chair, darken the room, and hold the flashlight at an angle to the surface of the water. Have a helper place a piece of white paper on the floor where the light is shining and move around as necessary to find the colors.

Talk about how God could use just a plain glass of water to make a rainbow (or you could just use a real prism! It's really just a piece of glass). Explain that just like God has taken care of every detail in creation, He also has a purpose and a plan for our lives. **God wants to do great things through our lives, and when He does, He wants the glory for it!**

Straw McGraw

Tell your class the very brief story of "Straw McGraw" as you make chocolate milk (you can bring some chocolate milk "pre-made" if you would like to). Give small portions for the children (make sure to have a note on your sign-in sheet to notify the parents that you will be serving chocolate milk in case of allergies or other concerns). Serve the chocolate milk with straws.

STORY: (use straw as you describe the story): "Straw McGraw" was the skinniest cowboy in Sodatown. He and everyone else thought he was good for nothing at all. He could not scoop ice cream, he could not hold but a few drops of rootbeer, and worst of all, he was always drippy. One day a boy came into Sodatown who was an awful spiller. His name was Spiller McMiller. He never could drink a whole milkshake without knocking over his glass. As he and Straw McGraw were sitting side by side feeling down about their problems, the soda manager had an idea. He would put Straw McGraw into Spiller McMiller's milkshake. As he put Straw McGraw in Spiller's milkshake, a great thing happened! Straw McGraw saw what he had been intended for all his life and Spiller McMiller enjoyed a lot more milkshakes!"

What if Gideon had not been willing to be used by God? What if your straw refused to be used for you to drink your chocolate milk? God desires to do great things in and through our lives. May we respond to His leading and set ourselves apart for His service. May we destroy the idols—those things that would draw our time and attention away from God—and present ourselves wholly to God for His use. **God wants to do great things through our lives, and when He does, He wants the glory for it!**

Fishing

Make this simple fishing game by tying a 35" to 40" piece of string to the end of a 3/8" dowel stick. Glue or secure with strong tape so the string will not slide along the stick. Tie a magnet to the other end of the string. Make several of these for your class (this is a great game to have on hand at all times). Cut out paper fish in several different colors of paper and put a paper clip on the fish where the mouth would be. These can be placed on the floor inside a taped off circle surrounded by chairs as a barrier to keep the kids from getting too close to the "water."

Tell the children to fish until they catch three fish. After everyone has fished, tell them to fish again and only catch blue fish. Allow the children to try to catch only blue fish. This will be very difficult in a mixture of colors. Next, the teacher should sit near the water and put blue fish on the lines for the children. In other words, the kids can try as hard as they want, but they could not catch only blue fish without the teacher's help.

There are some things we cannot do by ourselves. There was no way that the small army of Gideon could win in battle against the Midianites! They needed God's help. **God wants to do great things through our lives, and when He does, He wants the glory for it!**

8. Activities:

Through Me?!

Use light-gauge wire from the hardware store that comes on a spool to shape a paper-doll type boy or girl. Cut enough strips of wire to have ready for your activity time. Make with handles for dipping into bubble soap. If the kids are old enough let them shape their own likeness out of wire for dipping. Dip into soapy water and blow. This should create some very interesting bubbles. As everyone blows through the shapes and makes interesting bubbles, talk about how the Lord wants to shape our lives to do something really neat with them. All we need to do is to let Him do the shaping. **God wants to do great things through our lives, and when He does, He wants the glory for it!**

Where Have You Bean?

Here's a familiar game, but always fun. You will need enough Baggies for the number of children in your class, folded paper towels, pinto or kidney beans and water. Let the kids "plant" two or three beans in a damp paper towel and place inside the plastic bag. Ask them who can make the beans grow. Gently tell them that all they can do is see that the beans have just the right amount of water, a little air, and not too much light. The actual growing part is all up to the Lord.

Gideon Collage

Draw a torch, pitcher, and trumpet to be used as a template for the children to cut out, paste and color onto a piece of construction paper (see template provided with curriculum). You should draw yours on white paper and make enough copies for the number of children in your classroom. Allow the children to cut out the torch, pitcher, and trumpet and paste them to the construction paper. As an option, you can obtain barley (to represent the wheat Gideon was threshing when the angel came or the Midianite dream—it is found near the rice in the grocery store); cotton balls stretched out and glued on small tan paper circles (to represent the fleece) may also be added. Explain to the children that they can use this collage to explain the story of Gideon to their parents or to friends to show that **God wants to do great things through our lives, and when He does, He wants the glory for it!**

9. Bible text (NIV):

Judges 6:11 The angel of the LORD came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, 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."

¹³ "Pardon me, my lord," Gideon replied, "but if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our ancestors told us about when they said, 'Did not the LORD bring us up out of Egypt?' But now the LORD has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian."

¹⁴ 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?"

¹⁵ "Pardon me, my lord," Gideon replied, "but how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family."

¹⁶ The LORD answered, "I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites, leaving none alive."

¹⁷ Gideon replied, "If now I have found favor in your eyes, give me a sign that it is really you talking to me. ¹⁸ Please do not go away until I come back and bring my offering and set it before you."

And the LORD said, "I will wait until you return."

¹⁹ Gideon went inside, prepared a young goat, and from an ephah ^[a] of flour he made bread without yeast. Putting the meat in a basket and its broth in a pot, he brought them out and offered them to him under the oak.

²⁰ The angel of God said to him, "Take the meat and the unleavened bread, place them on this rock, and pour out the broth." And Gideon did so. ²¹ Then the angel of the LORD touched the meat and the unleavened bread with the tip of the staff that was in his hand. Fire flared from the rock, consuming the meat and the bread. And the angel of the LORD disappeared. ²² When Gideon realized that it was the angel of the LORD, he exclaimed, "Alas, Sovereign LORD! I have seen the angel of the LORD face to face!"

²³ But the LORD said to him, "Peace! Do not be afraid. You are not going to die."

²⁴ So Gideon built an altar to the LORD there and called it The LORD Is Peace. To this day it stands in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

²⁵ That same night the LORD said to him, "Take the second bull from your father's herd, the one seven years old. ^[b] Tear down your father's altar to Baal and cut down the Asherah pole ^[c] beside it. ²⁶ Then build a proper kind of ^[d] altar to the LORD your God on the top of this height. Using the wood of the Asherah pole that you cut down, offer the second ^[e] bull as a burnt offering."

²⁷ So Gideon took ten of his servants and did as the LORD told him. But because he was afraid of his family and the townspeople, he did it at night rather than in the daytime.

²⁸ In the morning when the people of the town got up, there was Baal's altar, demolished, with the Asherah pole beside it cut down and the second bull sacrificed on the newly built altar!

²⁹ They asked each other, "Who did this?"

When they carefully investigated, they were told, "Gideon son of Joash did it."

³⁰ The people of the town demanded of Joash, "Bring out your son. He must die, because he has broken down Baal's altar and cut down the Asherah pole beside it."

³¹ But Joash replied to the hostile crowd around him, "Are you going to plead Baal's cause? Are you trying to save him? Whoever fights for him shall be put to death by morning! If Baal really is a god, he can defend himself when someone breaks down his altar." ³² So because Gideon broke down Baal's altar, they gave him the name Jerub-Baal ^[f] that day, saying, "Let Baal contend with him."

³³ Now all the Midianites, Amalekites and other eastern peoples joined forces and crossed over the Jordan and camped in the Valley of Jezreel. ³⁴ Then the Spirit of the LORD came on Gideon, and he blew a trumpet, summoning the Abiezrites to follow him. ³⁵ He sent messengers throughout Manasseh, calling them to arms, and also into Asher, Zebulun and Naphtali, so that they too went up to meet them.

³⁶ Gideon said to God, "If you will save Israel by my hand as you have promised— ³⁷ look, I will place a wool fleece on the threshing floor. If there is dew only on the fleece and all the ground is dry, then I will know that you will save Israel by my hand, as you said." ³⁸ And that is what happened. Gideon rose early the next day; he squeezed the fleece and wrung out the dew—a bowlful of water.

³⁹ Then Gideon said to God, "Do not be angry with me. Let me make just one more request. Allow me one more test with the fleece, but this time make the fleece dry and let the ground be covered with dew." ⁴⁰ That night God did so. Only the fleece was dry; all the ground was covered with dew.

Gideon Defeats the Midianites

Judges 7:1 Early in the morning, Jerub-Baal (that is, Gideon) and all his men camped at the spring of Harod. The camp of Midian was north of them in the valley near the hill of Moreh. ²The LORD said to Gideon, "You have too many men. I cannot deliver Midian into their hands, or Israel would boast against me, 'My own strength has saved me.' ³Now announce to the army, 'Anyone who trembles with fear may turn back and leave Mount Gilead.'" So twenty-two thousand men left, while ten thousand remained.

⁴ But the LORD said to Gideon, "There are still too many men. Take them down to the water, and I will thin them out for you there. If I say, 'This one shall go with you,' he shall go; but if I say, 'This one shall not go with you,' he shall not go."

⁵ So Gideon took the men down to the water. There the LORD told him, "Separate those who lap the water with their tongues as a dog laps from those who kneel down to drink." ⁶ Three hundred of them drank from cupped hands, lapping like dogs. All the rest got down on their knees to drink.

⁷ 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 others go home." ⁸ So Gideon sent the rest of the Israelites home but kept the three hundred, who took over the provisions and trumpets of the others.

Now the camp of Midian lay below him in the valley. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ If you are afraid to attack, go down to the camp with your servant Purah ¹¹ and listen to what they are saying. Afterward, you will be encouraged to attack the camp." So he and Purah his servant went down to the outposts of the camp. ¹² The Midianites, the Amalekites and all the other eastern peoples had settled in the valley, thick as locusts. Their camels could no more be counted than the sand on the seashore.

¹³ Gideon arrived just as a man was telling a friend his dream. "I had a dream," he was saying. "A round loaf of barley bread came tumbling into the Midianite camp. It struck the tent with such force that the tent overturned and collapsed."

¹⁴ His friend responded, "This can be nothing other than the sword of Gideon son of Joash, the Israelite. God has given the Midianites and the whole camp into his hands."

¹⁵ When Gideon heard the dream and its interpretation, he bowed down and worshiped. He returned to the camp of Israel and called out, "Get up! The LORD has given the Midianite camp into your hands." ¹⁶ Dividing the three hundred men into three companies, he placed trumpets and empty jars in the hands of all of them, with torches inside.

¹⁷ "Watch me," he told them. "Follow my lead. When I get to the edge of the camp, do exactly as I do. ¹⁸ When I and all who are with me blow our trumpets, then from all around the camp blow yours and shout, 'For the LORD and for Gideon.'"

¹⁹ Gideon and the hundred men with him reached the edge of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, just after they had changed the guard. They blew their trumpets and broke the jars that were in their hands. ²⁰ The three companies blew the trumpets and smashed the jars. Grasping the torches in their left hands and holding in their right hands the trumpets they were to blow, they shouted, "A sword for the LORD and for Gideon!" ²¹ While each man held his position around the camp, all the Midianites ran, crying out as they fled.

²² When the three hundred trumpets sounded, the LORD caused the men throughout the camp to turn on each other with their swords. The army fled to Beth Shittah toward Zererah as far as the border of Abel Meholah near Tabbath.

²³ Israelites from Naphtali, Asher and all Manasseh were called out, and they pursued the Midianites. ²⁴ Gideon sent messengers throughout the hill country of Ephraim, saying, "Come down against the Midianites and seize the waters of the Jordan ahead of them as far as Beth Barah."

So all the men of Ephraim were called out and they seized the waters of the Jordan as far as Beth Barah. ²⁵ They also captured two of the Midianite leaders, Oreb and Zeeb. They killed Oreb at the rock of Oreb, and Zeeb at the winepress of Zeeb. They pursued the Midianites and brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon, who was by the Jordan.

Footnotes:

1. [Judges 6:19](#) That is, probably about 36 pounds or about 16 kilograms

2. [Judges 6:25](#) Or *Take a full-grown, mature bull from your father's herd*
3. [Judges 6:25](#) That is, a wooden symbol of the goddess Asherah; also in verses 26, 28 and 30
4. [Judges 6:26](#) Or *build with layers of stone an*
5. [Judges 6:26](#) Or *full-grown*; also in verse 28
6. [Judges 6:32](#) *Jerub-Baal* probably means *let Baal contend*.