

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

JUDGES 7

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Judges seven tells us of one of the most beloved of all the stories of the Bible. Gideon is now called Jerubbaal, or "let Baal plead." His father named him that after he obeyed God and tore down the altar of Baal and the men of the town wanted his father, Joash to bring him out for punishment of death. His father said, not so! If Baal is a true god, then let him fight for himself, of course he was not and so his father called his son "Jerub-Ba'al" or "Let Ba'al plead" so every time someone looked at Gideon, they would remember the impotence and deadness of a false god. Chapter six ends with Gideon putting out a bit of wool and asking God twice to show him a sign. God is so very patient and longsuffering with his children, especially with those whom He wants to use in a distinctive way. Aren't you glad!

Chapter seven begins with Gideon and a host of Israelites gathered at the spring called Harod. The Harod Spring is still there today as it was during the days of Gideon. Many times, this writer has taken Pastors, leaders, people from

every walk of life to see this place and relive this battle and the separation of Gideon's faithful band of three hundred warriors to ultimately defeat the Midianites, so God would receive the glory, not Gideon or the hosts of Israel. After gathering and assessing the situation, Gideon was told by God there are too many. God said, anyone who is fearful and afraid, you are dismissed, go back home to your family. Twenty-two thousand men went home. At least they were honest! God then told Gideon to separate those who were thirsty and put their face to the water to drink to be dismissed. Only those who got on their knees to drink were the ones to keep and that was only three hundred. God saw three hundred men kneel and while looking around with sword ready, picked up water with one hand and drank while being ready and watchful for enemy attack. God said, with these three hundred, I will destroy the enemy, that way God will get the glory.

Prayer and Action Steps

God can win a battle with many or with few. After all, the battle is the LORD's! God help me to trust you in all things and prepare myself for battle.

Date _____ Scripture _____

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act? _____

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions? _____

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible? _____
