



Jezreel Valley: Lessons Learned From a Judge & a King

Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

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Scripture Reading: Galatians 6:7-8

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Bible Lands Lesson #8

1) Gideon's Victory

A. Judges 6

- 1) V. 3-6 – The Midianites “go against them,” “destroy the produce of the earth” & “came into the land to devastate it.”
- 2) V. 7 - “The sons of Israel cried to the Lord on account of Midian, ...”
- 3) V.11-15 – “The angel of the Lord appeared to him (Gideon)...”

B. Judges 7

- 1) V. 1-4 – 32,000 men of Israel are “camped beside the spring of Harod; ...” While “the camp of Midian was on the north side of them by the hill of Moreh in the valley.”
- 2) V. 5-8 – The Lord tests and separates 300 men to fight this battle with Gideon.
- 3) V.9-15 – Gideon instructed by God goes to listen to men in the Midian camp and is reassured of God’s faithfulness to defeat the enemy.
- 4) V. 16-22 – Gideon guides three companies of 100 men to defeat the Midianites at the foot of the hill of Moreh. (v.12 – shows the huge advantage the Midianites had over the Israelites.)

C. Lessons to Be Learned:

- 1) Gideon Trusted in The Lord.
- 2) Gideon Inquired of God.
- 3) His Leadership Helped Turn the Israelites Back to God.

Notes:

2) Saul's Demise

A. 1 Samuel 28, 29, 31

- 1) Geographic Locations: Philistines @ Shunem / Israelites @ Mt. Gilboa (28:1). King Saul visits En-Dor (28:7-19). Philistines @ Aphek -> Jezreel / Israelites @ Jezreel Spring (29:1). King Saul's Final Battle from Jezreel to Mt. Gilboa (31:1-13). Beth-Shan – body of Saul & his sons (31:10).

B. Lessons From King Saul:

- 1) Good Intentions Did Not Equal Obedience (1 Samuel 13:5-14 {1Sam. 10:8}; 1 Samuel 15).
- 2) 1 Chronicles 10:13-14 – Saul was punished by God because he “did not keep the word of the Lord.”

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3) Lessons For Us Today

A. Because Saul Rejected God's Word, God Rejected Him. (John 12:44-48)

B. We Reap What We Sow. (Galatians 6:7-8)

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