

## Gideon defeats the Midianites, Amalekites & sons of the east

### 7:1-15 – God’s “unorthodox” approach to military strategy

1. In 6:34-35 we read that after the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord came upon Gideon, that he blew the trumpet to gather an army from several \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. In 7:2 the Lord tells Gideon that there are \_\_\_\_\_ for him to give Midian into their hands. God told him to excuse from battle those who were \_\_\_\_\_. Of the 32,000 that had assembled, \_\_\_\_\_ left, leaving Gideon only \_\_\_\_\_, while the Midianites were like \_\_\_\_\_ for number (6:5 & 7:12).
2. Regarding the 10,000, God said there were \_\_\_\_\_ too many. He told Gideon to take his men to water and to keep those who put their \_\_\_\_\_ to their \_\_\_\_\_ to drink as opposed to those who \_\_\_\_\_ down to drink. God does not \_\_\_\_\_ his reason for making this distinction between those who drank, but says that he will \_\_\_\_\_ Israel with the \_\_\_\_\_ men who are now left for Gideon to use. All of the other men are sent \_\_\_\_\_.
3. On the night of the same day, God told Gideon that he had \_\_\_\_\_ the Midianites into his hands. This is reminiscent of God telling \_\_\_\_\_ that the city of \_\_\_\_\_ was his before they had even begun to \_\_\_\_\_ around it (Joshua 6:1-2). Nevertheless, the Lord told Gideon that if he were \_\_\_\_\_, that he was to take his \_\_\_\_\_, Purah, and go right down into the \_\_\_\_\_. When Gideon did this, he overheard a man telling his friend about a \_\_\_\_\_ he had about a loaf of \_\_\_\_\_ bread that tumbled into their camp and struck a \_\_\_\_\_ knocking it flat. The friend \_\_\_\_\_ the dream to mean that God had given Midian into the hand of Gideon and mentioned him by \_\_\_\_\_. When Gideon heard this, he \_\_\_\_\_.

### 7:16-25 – God’s battle plan works

4. Gideon \_\_\_\_\_ his men into \_\_\_\_\_ companies. Each man had a \_\_\_\_\_, but also a \_\_\_\_\_ with a pitcher over it. Gideon ordered that on his signal, each man would \_\_\_\_\_ his trumpet and \_\_\_\_\_ the pitchers allowing the glow of \_\_\_\_\_ torches to be seen all around their camp. Each Israelite simply \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_. God set the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Midianites \_\_\_\_\_ one another as they \_\_\_\_\_ in disarray. Gideon called the Israelites to \_\_\_\_\_ their enemies which they did, capturing and executing their \_\_\_\_\_ leaders.