

## Gideon – Recap & The Aftermath of Victory

Judges 7:24 – 8:1-3

1. Originally (according to 6:35), Gideon had called men from the tribes of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ to fight against the \_\_\_\_\_ Midianites. Once routed, Gideon also called men from the tribe of \_\_\_\_\_ likely because their pursuit took them \_\_\_\_\_ along the \_\_\_\_\_ valley past the territory of Ephraim. After successfully dispatching the \_\_\_\_\_ leaders of the Midianites, Oreb & Zeeb, the Ephraimites \_\_\_\_\_ vigorously with Gideon because he had not called them at the \_\_\_\_\_ time he called the other Israelites. Gideon \_\_\_\_\_ with them that their “\_\_\_\_\_” of the grapes was better than the “\_\_\_\_\_” of Gideon’s family (the Abiezrites) and that \_\_\_\_\_ had given the enemy leaders into their hand. With this, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Ephraimites subsided.

8:4-21 – The mistakes of Succoth & Penuel

2. Gideon and his \_\_\_\_\_ men came to Succoth after \_\_\_\_\_ the Jordan while in pursuit of Midian. Here, and also at Penuel a little farther along, he ask for \_\_\_\_\_ to feed his men. They essentially \_\_\_\_\_ Gideon asking, “Are the hands of Zebah & Zalmunna \_\_\_\_\_ in your hands that we should give bread to your army?” At this, Gideon promised to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ both cities.
3. Zebah & Zalmunna were in a place called \_\_\_\_\_ with about \_\_\_\_\_ men. Gideon approached them from a direction that gave him the element of \_\_\_\_\_. The army was \_\_\_\_\_ and the two \_\_\_\_\_ of Midian were captured. At the ascent of Heres, Gideon captured a \_\_\_\_\_ from Succoth who wrote down the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ leaders of that town. When he returned there with the enemy kings \_\_\_\_\_, the text says he \_\_\_\_\_ those 77 with \_\_\_\_\_ of the wilderness & \_\_\_\_\_. He also tore down the \_\_\_\_\_ of Penuel and \_\_\_\_\_ the men of the city, keeping his \_\_\_\_\_. Then he commanded Jether, his \_\_\_\_\_ son to kill the Midianite kings, but he would not do so because he was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Zeba & Zalmunna to him to do it \_\_\_\_\_ saying, “As the man, so is his \_\_\_\_\_”.

8:22-27

4. At this juncture, the men of Israel ask Gideon to \_\_\_\_\_ over them together with his \_\_\_\_\_. Instead, he tells them that \_\_\_\_\_ will rule over them. He then requests that each man give him an \_\_\_\_\_ of gold from his \_\_\_\_\_. The text tells us they had the earrings because they were \_\_\_\_\_ (8:24). The weight of the earrings donated was \_\_\_\_\_ shekels of gold (or about \_\_\_\_\_ lbs.). With this, Gideon for some reason formed the gold into an \_\_\_\_\_ and place it on Ophrah where all of Israel played the \_\_\_\_\_ with it there. The ephod became a \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ and his household.

8:28-35

5. We are told that Gideon had \_\_\_\_\_ sons because he had \_\_\_\_\_ wives, and that he also had a \_\_\_\_\_ in Shechem who bore him a son named \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Gideon died at an old age, and as soon as he was dead the Israelites went after the \_\_\_\_\_ and made \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ their god. The text then says that Israel did not \_\_\_\_\_ God nor did they show \_\_\_\_\_ to the house of Gideon in spite of all the \_\_\_\_\_ he had done for them.