

OVERVIEW BRIEF

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Having passed the initial test of faith Gideon and those who elected to accompany him rallied together and "and pitched beside the well of Harod." (v.1 b)

Now at first glance of the gatherings of the vast host from the provinces of the neighboring tribes, this amazing scene appears to project an impressive image of a people who have been spiritually reinvigorated and inspired.

According to the record their rallying numbers tallied some 32,000 soldiers.

Typically, the rallying of this massive number would tend signal to us the emergence of a significant revival or awakening.

Many would view the ranks of their marching battalions and begin rejoicing at the future prospect of finally being liberated for the prevailing miseries that had been imposed upon their lives by the assaults of the marauding Midianite and Amalekite hosts.

However, as we fully recognize in the present passage, the Lord is not impressed by the general spectacle of vast numbers like we are.

The present text clearly shows us that the conditions of combat would not be such to allow the Israelites to be able to remotely argue that the victory over the Midianites and Amalekites was gained through the power strength of their own hands.

In fact, they would fully have to admit that remaining group select by the sifting method directed by the counsel of Heaven was totally outclassed, outnumbered and woefully militarily incapable of accomplishing such a feat.

But, these were the "impossible" conditions that are necessary in order for God to be glorified on the public seen.



FRAGMENTS BS MINI-SERIES

Becoming

SESSION (3):

NOT BY THE WILL OF THE FLESH, BUT BY THE WILL OF GOD

FOCUS TEXT: And the LORD said unto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into thine hand: and let all the other people go every man unto his place. Judges 7:7 (KJV)

SELECTED TEXT:

Judges 6:33-35; 7:1-2,7-8 (KJV)

Judges 6:33 Then all the Midianites and the Amalekites and the children of the east were gathered together, and went over, and pitched in the valley of Jezreel.

34 But the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon, and he blew a trumpet; and Abiezer was gathered after him.

35 And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh; who also was gathered after him: and he sent messengers unto Asher, and unto Zebulun, and unto Naphtali; and they came up to meet them.

7:1 Then Jerubbaal, who is Gideon, and all the people that were with him, rose up early, and pitched beside the well of Harod: so that the host of the Midianites

were on the north side of them, by the hill of Moreh, in the valley.

2 And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people that are with thee are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me.

7 And the LORD said unto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into thine hand: and let all the other people go every man unto his place.

8 So the people took victuals in their hand, and their trumpets: and he sent all the rest of Israel every man unto his tent, and retained those three hundred men: and the host of Midian was beneath him in the valley.