

Bible History Puzzle 76

Last week we learned how God called Gideon, who thought he was from the weakest tribe. But after several signs, Gideon knew it was time to go face the enemy.

Gideon called up the men of Israel to go fight. Soon a large _____ of 32,000 men had come together! But this was actually very small compared to the Midianite army... they had 135,000! Would they be able to conquer them?

However, the Lord told Gideon he had too MANY soldiers! How could that be? They were already outnumbered 4-1. Well, God wanted to be sure that the Israelites knew that it was He who delivered them, and that they weren't going to _____ the Midianites in their own strength.

First God told Gideon to send all the men who were afraid back _____. So 22,000 left. That left only 10,000 soldiers. But still God told Gideon that there were too many. He told him to bring the men down to the water to drink. All those who got down on their knees and drank _____ out of cupped hands were to stay, but all those who stuck their faces right down in the water were sent home. That left Gideon with only 300 men... to fight 135,000 soldiers? How was that possible?

If 300 soldiers were going to defeat an army of 135,000 God must be on their side. Gideon was allowed to overhear a conversation in the enemy _____ and learn that the Midianites were afraid. One of the soldiers dreamed about a giant loaf of _____ rolling down a hill and smashing a tent. Another soldier said, "That is Gideon and his army defeating us!"

Gideon divided his men into three groups and told them to come with torches and clay jars and surround the enemy. After dark, about 10:00 at night, Gideon and his army attacked. But what a strange attack! When Gideon signalled, all the men broke their pitchers, waved their _____ and blew their trumpets. They all yelled, "A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!" Is that how soldiers usually fight?

Yet, the enemy soldiers sleeping peacefully thought a full blown attack had come on them. When they heard the trumpets blowing and the pitchers shattering all around them and suddenly saw all the torches, the Midianites thought a _____ army had surrounded them. In the confusion, God made the Midianites turn on each other, and they defeated themselves! Then they fled, and God won the battle _____ the Israelites.

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