

Bible Study. Gideon Judges Ch. 7

1. Opening Prayer

2. Intro: Jerub-baal became Jerub-besheth

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- a. Names associated with a deity in the bible (Yahweh, Jehovah, Elohim, Baal, etc)

Joshua, Hezekiah, Samuel, Daniel, Joel, Elijah, Elisha, Jerub-baal...

- b. Changes of deity associated names

Ish-baal (1 Chronicles 8:33 “man of baal”) became Ish-bosheth (2 Samuel 2:10)

Meri-baal (1 Ch. 8:34 “Baal is my advocate”) became Mephi-bosheth

(2 Sam. 21:7 “He scatters shame”)

Jerub-baal (Judges 6:32 “Baal will fight”) became Jerub-besheth (2 Samuel 11:21)

Question. Bosheth/besheth (בִּשְׁתָּ) means shame. Regarding the meaning of bosheth, how do you understand the changes of those names from baal to bosheth? (Read 1 Sam. 12:11)

Hint. Martin Van Buren, the eighth president of the U.S, was later called as Martin Van Ruin.

3. Read Judges Ch. 7

4. Discussion

- a. God said to Gideon, “the troops with you are too many” twice in verses 2 and 4. Why do you think God said it? And why twice? Or why do you think God told Gideon to reduce the number of the troops?
- b. Some people say that the reason why God chose those who lapped the water with their tongues is because they were more cautious. Do you agree?
- c. Choosing only 300 soldiers, what do you think Gideon might have felt?
- d. What can you find out in the Midianites’ dream and interpretation?
- e. What do you think about Gideon’s instruction to the 300 soldiers?
- f. How do you see the battle in verses 19-25?

5. Closing Prayer



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