# Tragedies From Gideon's Victory
# Judg. 8

## Introduction

After Gideon's great victory over the Midianites, one would think he and the people would have enjoyed their success. However, he had to pacify some who were not happy about the level of their involvement. Even more disappointing was the mindset of the Israelites to make him king, and the tragic & idolatrous failure re: the ephod he fashioned from the spoils of war.

Several statements mentioned toward the end of this chapter indicate Gideon might not have been as faithful in his latter years as he was when he was called to be Israel's 5th judge.

1) What disappointing aspect of Gideon's victory did he have to contend with? (v. 1) What wisdom did Gideon show? (vv. 2-3) Are there any applications for modern-day saints today?

2) What is recorded next about Gideon & his 300 men? (v. 4) How was he disappointed again? (vv. 5-6, 8) How did Gideon respond? (vv. 7, 9)

3) Who was Gideon pursuing? (v. 5) What was the strength of their forces? (v. 10) Was Gideon successful? (vv. 11-12)

4) After capturing the 2 Midianite kings, what did Gideon do? (vv. 13-17)

5) What did Gideon ask Zebah & Zalmunna? (v. 18) How did they respond? (v. 19) How did Gideon exact some measure of revenge? (vv. 20-21)

6) What request did the men of Israel have for Gideon? (v. 22) What was Gideon's reply? (vv. 23-26)

7) What was Gideon's major "blunder" and how far did its effects reach? (v. 27)

8) How did Gideon's life end disappointingly after his victory over Midian? (vv. 28-32)

9) Who is specifically mentioned in v. 31, and what will be his role in this book?

10) What happened following Gideon's death? (vv. 33-35; 2:19)