



ROAR!

Release of Adonai's Revelations

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GIDEONS ARISING!

Dear Friends,

We are so thrilled to sense what the Lord is leading His church towards. Vast grounds left for taking-over and vast fields ripe for the harvest! These are days of advancement. These are days of ACTION! **There is a job to be done and the call is going out to the Gideons in the land!**

GIDEONS ARISE!

The meaning of the name Gideon in Hebrew is 'feller'; 'he that cuts down', 'great destroyer'. But his person as found in Judges 6 was that of someone who lived and worked in fear, had low self-esteem and was rather to be counted amongst the weak than the brave. Until God stepped in. Until God dispelled the fear and the self-assumptions and called out his true identity – The NIV version says in Judges 6: 12 & 16 - *"When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said, "The LORD is with you, **mighty warrior.**" The LORD answered, "I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites, leaving none alive."* It almost seemed like God is referring to someone else – because what Gideon believed about himself was far from it. The Midianianite oppression was so intense that FEAR was a norm in Israel.

People were used to living in defensive-mode, in escape-mode making their homes in caves and shelters in mountain clefts. **But victory begins with a cry of help!** So began the story of the enemy's defeat as the people cried out to God for help being severely impoverished by the continuous ravaging of the enemy and the Lord responds with an army-call to Gideon; the least in his family, belonging to the weakest clan in all of Israel! The least likely candidate for the job was God's chosen one!

We believe that right now, there is such a call going out to the Gideons in the land – those who have been hiding in shelters are being called out to high ground! The LORD calls you out by the names He created you to be, declaring His purpose over you. **Mighty warrior sons & daughters! You will strike down, cut down the enemy.**

Consumed by fear, Gideon's response to this supernatural call from heaven was not like one who jumped in at the moment's notice. But the Lord in His great understanding settles Gideon within as He speaks PEACE over him. Peace - something that always eluded Gideon, something that was a foreign thing, something that he yearned for but never truly had.





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And of all the character traits of YHWH, He chose to reveal Himself as YHWH SHALOM, The Lord is Peace – to Gideon!

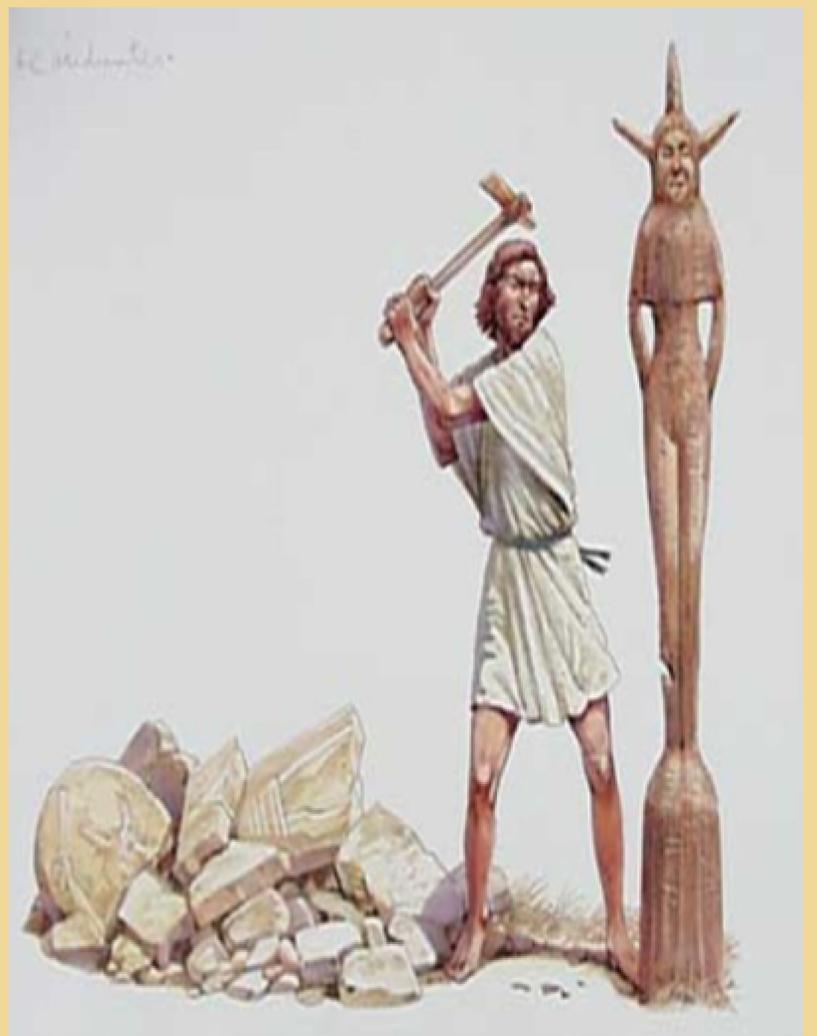
Peace is the antidote to fear. SHALOM is not just peace of mind like we might assume. It is a 'wholeness, wellbeing, being complete & sound.' We believe it's a BIG word for this season we are in. **The Gideons arising need this Shalom of Yahweh, as a revelation to their souls!** As the Gideons come out from their threshing floors – from living a life wrapped in constant worry/fear of tomorrow - to a higher ground bathed in the Shalom of Yahweh, it's a new day dawning in their lives. **The Lord is turning the page! It's a new land that is opening up - one that has their name inscribed on it - This NOW is their moment of destiny – their time of choosing!**

This incredible call is followed by a point in action in a very personal way. A milestone moment that will determine whether they will actually enter their land or stay out – just as it did for Gideon. *"Tear down your father's altar to Baal and cut down the Asherah pole beside it. Then build a proper kind of altar to the LORD your God on the top of this height."* (Judges 6: 25-26)

The Lord never minces His words. Before the time came for Gideon to step into his official role/position – there was something personal he had to do in his own life.

Cut down that which did not bear the Lord's name – no matter how harmless, no matter how dear to the family, no matter how big for the society. Before Gideon could cut down the Midianites, there was a cutting down he had to do in his own life.

Many of us may think we are sincerely worshipping God, but we may not realize that we have our own versions of Baals and Asherahs. **Double pursuits of life, double altars manifest in double-mindedness leading to a very unstable, unfocussed and unclear way of life. Double lives are NOT an option for us as God's children.** It calls for a demolition.





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No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.” (Matthew 6:24)

Tearing down, cutting down is the main element of being a ‘warrior’.

As Gideon, fearfully yet obediently committed to the command of Yahweh – there was an instant upgrade! He had officially moved into his very purpose - Leading Israel like an army General! However, it doesn’t end there. The battle was yet to be fought! The Lord’s strategy for victory is usually one that defies common human reasoning. It’s always a stellar victory because it’s a stellar strategy! The enemy camp had about 1,35,000 men. But the Lord said - 32,000 Israelite men are ‘too many’ than what is needed!

Sometimes, the Lord removes, sifts, shakes off what we don’t need for our next season of victory, lest we give credit to someone else or something else, or make a big mistake of leaning onto something, place our expectation on someone or something which is not God Himself. This season in the Spirit we are in is marked by the verse - ‘*Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,*’ says the LORD Almighty.’ (Zechariah 4:6)

The Lord thus begins the ELIMINATION PROCESS as we read in Judges 7:3 & 7 – “Now therefore, proclaim in the hearing of the people, saying, ‘Whoever is fearful and afraid, let him turn and depart at once from Mount Gilead.’ And twenty-two thousand of the people returned, and ten thousand remained.” “Then the Lord said to Gideon, “By the three hundred men who lapped I will save you, and deliver the Midianites into your hand. Let all the other people go, every man to his place.”

As much as it may sound strange, the elimination process was a purely MILITARY STRATEGY. In God’s army, His warriors cannot be:

1. Fearful of the enemy
2. Not alert.

The first round of elimination was those who trembled with fear. And the second round were those who were not on guard for sudden attacks. The position they took to drink water hinted towards their military posture of alertness. Both categories are unfit for warfare of any kind – natural or spiritual. We believe that as the call is going out and heavens are recruiting - There is also a separation/sieving and an ‘elimination’ happening – based on the two very criteria mentioned.





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Only 300 were CHOSEN.

Friends, these are some glorious days – days that our spiritual fathers and mothers laboured much for, sowing faithfully and praying unceasingly. And we have received this great honour and opportunity to reap from their labour! These are the days of destiny - Our thoughts and our spiritual postures will determine where we stand. Let's be found among the chosen 300!

As for the Gideons – May the promise of Shalom from the Most-High God grant you great courage to step out and step into your true purpose!

Gideons, O mighty men and women of Valour – This is your call!

"Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches." Revelations 2:29

*With great anticipation,
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