

Sermon Title: **“300”**

Judges 7:1-18

- This name for Gideon (Jerubbaal) is to remind the reader how truly weak baal is & this account is going to further highlight that fact
- “Harod” = trembling (perhaps it alludes to those in Gideon’s original army of 32,000 people)
- God said to Gideon there’s too many people with you
 - So Gideon was to go to them & say “If you’re afraid & trembling, you should leave”
 - 22,000 left!
- The entire army (now consisting of people NOT afraid) goes down to the water
 - When this was completed there was ONLY 300 men now eligible to go into battle alongside Gideon
 - These 300 men grab a trumpet in one hand & other provision in their other hand
 - It’s becoming pretty clear that it was again going to be God ONLY, who would get glory from this victory!
- That very night, God tells Gideon – “Go & attack – NOW!”
 - However, if you’re fearful, why don’t you go down & see for yourself what the Midianites are saying
- The author of Judges uses the picture of locusts to describe the size of the Midianite army
- What’s interesting about the vast number of camels is camels WEREN’T really battle animals, they were used for loading or packing or carrying
- Simply hearing this dream drives Gideon back to a place of worship (Gideon thanks God)
 - Hearing this dream further confirms God’s going to do something outstanding through a people totally outnumbered
- Gideon splits the 300 men into 3 groups (probably 100 in each)
 - Each person is given a trumpet, an empty pitcher, & a torch