Subject: Deeper look at Gideon. Posted by David Coleman on Fri, 27 Oct 2023 01:45:21 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

There is a lot there that we missed. I will show in a series since much material.

ch.6: v.1 The first thing we see is that Median is a seven year judgment by God. Israel did evil in the eyes of God. His all seeing Omniscient glory. They were punished by the enemy taking away all their blessings. (that is poverty) that was in v.4. Does v.2 sound familiar? see Rev.6:15-16 also Heb.11:38. They had to hide.

The enemy was so large they were like locusts who devour everything.

v. 10 is a key verse. They did not obey God's voice. Note God was their king until later they would want a king and God gave them Saul. That was in their future.

After v. 11 where the angel of God visits him. v.22-23 reveals the angel. He says he sees God Then the angel says you won't die.

One more thing . Gideon doesn't know much. v.13. why is this all happening to us? reminds me of Job and his questions.

He doesn't even know God is punishing and won't help.

another key.-- v.6-7 All this raising up of Gideon was that the people cried to God. WOW-- tears and travail move God's heart.

v.27 Does Gideon have faith?? yes he obeys God's voice and does God's will. In v.34 we see a important thing to understand. If the angel is God (the preincarnate Christ) who is this--yes it is the Holy Spirit coming on Gideon.

As you read the rest of the chapter, the fleece had nothing to do with faith. Gideon was so humble that he wanted to be sure that God was choosing him to be the leader to capture the enemy. Moses for example had the experience of calling at the burning bush to lead Israel out of Egypt. Gideon was just told to lead by a voice. see v. 36. One man will be chosen to conquer more soldiers as many as locusts. ch.6:16 one man. next time God's glory revealed.

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