

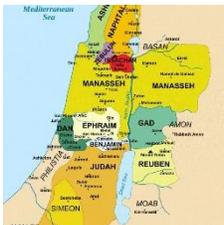


## Jehovah Shalom

### The Judges of Israel

1. Othniel (3:7-11)
2. Ehud (3:12-30)
3. Shamgar (3:31)
4. Deborah (chapters 4-5)
5. Gideon (chapters 6-8)
6. Tola (10:1-2)
7. Jair (10:3-5)
8. Jephthah (11:1 - 12:7)
9. Ibzan (12:8-10)
10. Elon (12:11-12)
11. Abdon (12:13-15)
12. Samson (chapters 13-16)

**The period of the judges was a time in Israel after Israel took possession of the promised land until Israel appointed their first king.**



**During the period of the judges, the Lord was their only King that united the tribes. He was the federal government. There were 12 tribes in Israel and each tribe was governed by Elders from that tribe and Levites.**



**These different tribes would repeatedly break their covenant with God and worship idols. God would discipline them by making them slaves to other nations. God would then raise up a judge to call the people to repentance and lead the people to cast off their bonds and drive out the nation that was oppressing them.**



**Judges 6 is the story of why and how God called Gideon from the tribe of Manasseh to be a judge. When the Lord called Gideon, He revealed something about Himself to Gideon that would cause Gideon to identify the Lord with a new name; Jehovah Shalom; I am the Lord who is your peace. Now here is the story.**

### **Judges 6:1-24**

**1 Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord. So the Lord delivered them into the hand of Midian for seven years, 2 and the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel. Because of the Midianites, the children of Israel made for themselves the dens, the caves, and the strongholds which are in the mountains. 3 So it was, whenever Israel had sown, Midianites would come up; also Amalekites and the people**

of the East would come up against them. 4 Then they would encamp against them and destroy the produce of the earth as far as Gaza, and leave no sustenance for Israel, neither sheep nor ox nor donkey. 5 For they would come up with their livestock and their tents, coming in as numerous as locusts; both they and their camels were without number; and they would enter the land to destroy it. 6 So Israel was greatly impoverished because of the Midianites, and the children of Israel cried out to the Lord. 7 And it came to pass, when the children of Israel cried out to the Lord because of the Midianites, 8 that the Lord sent a prophet to the children of Israel, who said to them, "Thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'I brought you up from Egypt and brought you out of the house of bondage; 9 and I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of all who oppressed you, and drove them out before you and gave you their land. 10 Also I said to you, "I am the Lord your God; do not fear the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell." But you have not obeyed My voice.'" 11 Now the Angel of the Lord came and sat under the terebinth tree which was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon threshed wheat in the winepress, in order to hide it from the Midianites. 12 And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him, and said to him, "The Lord is with you, you mighty man of valor!" 13 Gideon said to Him, "O my lord, if the Lord is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all His miracles which our fathers told us about, saying, 'Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt?' But now the Lord has forsaken us and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites." 14 Then the Lord turned to him and said, "Go in this might of yours, and you shall save Israel from the hand of the Midianites. Have I not sent you?" 15 So

he said to Him, "O my Lord, how can I save Israel? Indeed my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house." 16 And the Lord said to him, "Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat the Midianites as one man." 17 Then he said to Him, "If now I have found favor in Your sight, then show me a sign that it is You who talk with me. 18 Do not depart from here, I pray, until I come to You and bring out my offering and set it before You." And He said, "I will wait until you come back." 19 So Gideon went in and prepared a young goat, and unleavened bread from an ephah of flour. The meat he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot; and he brought them out to Him under the terebinth tree and presented them. 20 The Angel of God said to him, "Take the meat and the unleavened bread and lay them on this rock, and pour out the broth." And he did so. 21 Then the Angel of the Lord put out the end of the staff that was in His hand, and touched the meat and the unleavened bread; and fire rose out of the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened bread. And the Angel of the Lord departed out of his sight. 22 Now Gideon perceived that He was the Angel of the Lord. So Gideon said, "Alas, O Lord God! For I have seen the Angel of the Lord face to face." 23 Then the Lord said to him, "Peace be with you; do not fear, you shall not die." 24 So Gideon built an altar there to the Lord, and called it *The-Lord-Is-Peace*. To this day it is still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

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**Gideon believed that anyone who saw the face of the Lord or an angel of the Lord was going to die.**

**This fear of God came from what God said to Moses.**

## **Exodus 33:20**

**20 But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live."**

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**But Jacob preceded Moses and even Jacob had this fear of God in Genesis 32:30. This belief and fear of God can be tracked clear back to the garden of Eden. Adam and Eve sinned. They feared God and they hid themselves from God. He said they were going to die, and they thought they were going to die.**

**There is within the conscience of every human being a knowledge of God that causes us to experience the guilt of sin and a fear of facing God when we die. (Romans 1:18-19)**

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**18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,**

**19 because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.**

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**The Lord assured Gideon that he would not die. This gave him peace, so he built an altar and called it Jehovah Shalom; the Lord who is my peace!**

**Gideon would go on to lead Israel to defeat the Midianites and deliver them from slavery. You can read about that deliverance in Judges 7-8.**

**Church, what does this story mean for us?**

- **Like Gideon, we have peace with God.**

**The angel of the Lord assured Gideon that He could be in the very presence of the Lord and speak with the Lord and not die. Gideon built an altar to the Lord and called the altar Jehovah Shalom, the Lord who is my peace.**

**What the Lord did for Gideon, He has done for us. the apostle Paul said....**

**Romans 5:1-2**

**1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.**

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**Through the Lord Jesus Christ, we can be in the very presence of the Lord and speak with the Lord and not die. Jesus Christ was sacrificed for our sins upon an altar of God called Golgotha so that we can be in relationship with the Lord and not die. Jesus Christ is Jehovah Shalom, the Lord who is my peace!**

**But not only do we have peace with God through Jesus Christ, but like Gideon, we can have the peace of God.**

- **Like Gideon, we can have the peace of God.**

**Gideon was suffering from multiple fears and anxieties that are not unlike the fears and anxieties that we experience.**

**1. Gideon was afraid of death due to his enemies.**

**He was a man of valor, but he was threshing the wheat in a winepress hidden away rather than in a threshing floor because he was afraid of his enemies the Midianites. He**

**was significantly outnumbered and understood he did not have the power to secure his own deliverance or the deliverance of Israel. He was afraid for his life due to the Midianites.**

**2. Gideon was afraid for the future of his nation due to his enemies.**

**The Midianites were destroying the economy of Israel by the way they were looting and stealing the prosperity of Israel. Israel had lost its freedom and was growing weaker and weaker.**

**3. Gideon was afraid of the suffering he and his family were going to experience due to his enemies.**

**From the prophets, Gideon understood that he and his people were being judged by God for their idolatry. There was nothing he could do make himself or his people right with God. The future for his family did not look good.**

**The angel of the Lord revealed to Gideon what was going to happen to Israel. Gideon learned the future. He knew Israel was going to win no matter what the odds were against them. That gave Gideon the peace of God.**

**Church, we know the future. We know no matter what our circumstances are right now, we win.**

- If we die, we win. (1 Corinthians 6:14)**

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**14 And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power.**

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- **If our nation is conquered by evil or some foreign power, we win. (Jeremiah 3:17; Rev. 20:1-6)**

**Jeremiah 3:17**

**17 "At that time Jerusalem shall be called The Throne of the Lord, and all the nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of the Lord, to Jerusalem. No more shall they follow the dictates of their evil hearts.**

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**Revelation 20:1-6**

**1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.**

**2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;**

**3 and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.**

**The Saints Reign with Christ 1000 Years 4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.**

**5 But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.**

**6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.**

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- **If we suffer for any reason, we win. (Romans 8:28-30)**

**Romans 8:28-30**

**28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.**

**29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.**

**30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.**

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**James 1:2-4**

**2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,**

**3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.**

**4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.**

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**The Lord Jesus has revealed to us our future in His Word. By faith in Jesus, we can have the peace of God, no matter what circumstances we experience. Jesus Christ is Jehovah Shalom. He is the Lord who is our peace!**

**Church, in our times of daily prayer, we should learn to boast in the name of our God!**

**Jehovah (Genesis 2:4)**  
**Jehovah Jireh (Genesis 22:13-14)**  
**Jehovah Rapha (Exodus 15:26)**  
**Jehovah Nissi (Exodus 17:15)**  
**Jehovah Qanna (Exodus 20:4-5)**  
**Jehovah M’Kaddesh (Exodus 31:13)**  
**Jehovah Shalom (Judges 6:24)**

**We need to remind ourselves Jesus is Jehovah Shalom, the Lord who is my peace.**

**We need to remind one another when we worship Jesus together. We are at peace with God and we have the peace of God. Jesus is Jehovah Shalom, the Lord who is our peace!**

## Prayer Guide

- I. OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME
- A. Picture Calvary and thank God you can call Him “Father” by virtue of the blood of Jesus Christ.
  - B. Establish your dependence on God for all that you need for life and Godliness by declaring His names.

NAME	BOAST
Jehovah	You are the Lord
Jehovah-Jireh	You are the Lord who is my provider
Jehovah-Raphe	You are the Lord who is my healer
Jehovah-Nissi	You are the Lord who is my victory
Jehovah-Qanna	You are the Lord who is jealous for me
Jehovah-M’kaddesh	You are the Lord who makes me holy
Jehovah-Shalom	You are the Lord who is my peace
Jehovah-Rohi	You are the Lord who is my shepherd
Jehovah-Sabaoth	You are the Lord who is my defender
Jehovah-Tsidkenu	You are the Lord who is my righteousness

THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE

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- A. Pray for yourself
- B. Pray for family
- C. Pray for your church family
- D. Pray for other ministries
- E. Pray for the unsaved
- F. Pray for government leaders
- G. Pray for business leaders
- II. GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD
  - A. Pray for your temporal needs to be met to perform God's will
  - B. Pray for God's guidance in giving
- III. AND FORGIVE OUR DEBTS AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS
  - A. Pray for His strength to forgive every offense
  - B. Pray for His strength to seek forgiveness for every offense
- IV. AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL
  - A. Pray for God's protection from evil and His guidance
  - B. Pray for wisdom, read the Word, and journal what God says to you.
- V. FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY FOREVER
  - A. Praise God for His Sovereign rule over all things
  - B. Renew your commitment to His purpose for your life which is to live for His glory by making disciples