

Read Judges 8:10-21

**10** Now the two kings of Midian had an army of only about fifteen thousand men, all that were left of the Midianites; a hundred and twenty thousand soldiers had been killed. **11** Gideon went up and attacked them when they weren't prepared.

**12** The two kings of Midian ran away, but Gideon pursued them and captured them, scattering their entire army.

**13** Gideon then returned from the battle.

**14** He caught a young man of Sukkoth and questioned him, and the young man wrote down for him the names of the seventy-seven officials of Sukkoth, the elders of the town.

**15** Then Gideon came and said to the men of Sukkoth, "Here are the two kings of Midian that you insulted me about by saying, 'You already have the heads of the Midianite army leaders in your possession? Why should we give bread to your exhausted men?' "

**16** He took the elders of the town and taught the men of Sukkoth a lesson by punishing them by slashing them with desert thorns and briers. **17** He also pulled down the tower of Peniel and killed the men of the town.

**18** Then he asked the two kings of the Midianites, "What kind of men did you kill at Tabor?" "Men like you," they answered, "each one as important as a prince." **19** Gideon replied, "Those were my brothers, the sons of my own mother. As surely as the LORD lives, if you had spared their lives, I would not kill you."

**20** Turning to Jether, his oldest son, he said, "Kill them!" But Jether did not draw his sword, because he was only a boy and was afraid. **21** The two kings of the Midianites, said, "Come, do it yourself Gideon. 'We want Gideon, a brave man, to kill us.'" So Gideon stepped forward and killed them, and took the ornaments off their camels' necks.

**How many men were left in the Midianite army at this point (v. 10)?** 15,000 out of 135,000. Most of the Midianite men had died in battle.

**What did Gideon do (v. 11)?** He surprised them and attacked them when they weren't ready to fight.

**What did the two Midianite kings do (v. 12)?** They ran away. **What did Gideon do?** He chased after them and captured them and the rest of their army ran away.

**When Gideon returned from battle what happened (v. 14)?** He questioned a young man from Sukkoth who gave him the names of all the important men from the city of Sukkoth.

**What did Gideon do next (vv. 15-17)?** Read vv. 15-17

**What did Gideon ask the two Midianite kings (v. 18)?** What kind of men did you kill in the battle at Tabor?

**How did they respond?** Important men just like you Gideon.

**What did Gideon say back to them (v. 19)?** Those were my brothers. Because you killed them, I'm going to kill you. **What did Gideon tell his oldest son to do (v. 20)?** To kill the two Midianite kings.

**Why didn't his son kill the kings?** He was afraid. He was just a young boy. He probably had never killed a person before.

**What did the two kings say to Gideon (v. 21)?** We want to be killed by the courageous Gideon himself. **How did Gideon respond?** He killed them and took the ornaments off the camel's necks. Now they belonged to him.