

Judges 8:18-35

Gideon Refuses Kingship, Sorta

18-21 Zebah & Zalmunna dispatched

22-27 Gideon's sham rejection of kingship

28 God's gift of security

29-32 Gideon's post-deliverance reign

33-35 Israel's post-Gideon conduct

Food for Thought

- Many people are _____ servants of God for a time, but end _____.

“So Gideon arose and killed Zebah and Zalmunna, and took the crescent ornaments which were on their camels' necks” (Judges 8:21)



Bronze crescent standard from Tel Sera, 7th century BC

“Yet Gideon said to them, ‘I would request of you, that each of you give me an earring from his spoil.’ (For they had gold earrings, because they were Ishmaelites.) And they said, ‘We will surely give them.’ So they spread out a garment, and every one of them threw an earring there from his spoil. And the weight of the gold earrings that he requested was 1,700 shekels of gold” (Judges 8:24-26).



Gold earrings and other golden jewelry, from Beth Shean, circa 1300–1150 BC