



Shoftim Perek 8

- The men of the tribe of Ephraim complained harshly to Gideon for not having summoned them to battle.
- Gideon responds by telling them to be grateful for what he had accomplished.
- Rations are denied to Gideon's army by the Jews of Sukkot and P'nuel.
- Gideon kills the Jews of Sukkot and P'nuel.
- Two Midyan kings are captured and killed.
- Gideon commands his son Yesser to kill the two kings, but Yesser fears to do so. so Gideon kills the two Midyan kings himself.
- The Jewish people wish to make Gideon their leader, but
- Gideon refuses to accept the leadership role of the Jewish nation.
- Gideon makes an ephod out of the golden nose rings that the Jews had amassed in the Midyan battles.
- The ephod becomes a source of idol worship for the Jewish people.
- Gideon returns home and sires seventy sons, plus another son named Avimelech.
- Gideon dies.
- The land is tranquil for forty years.
- Then the Jewish nation returns to idol worship.