

Shoftim Perek 7

- o Gideon gathers 32,000 Jews for battle.
- o Hashem tells Gideon that there are too many people for battle.
- o Hashem helps Gideon narrow the number down.
- o Gideon makes an announcement: Whoever is scared of going into battle may go home. 22,000 people leave.
- o Gideon further narrows down the number of soldiers necessary.
- Whoever drinks from the river while kneeling gets sent home. The kneeling is an indication of idol worship, rendering those who did so unfit for battle.
- o Whoever laps the water from the river may stay to go to battle.
- Three hundred men stay.
- Gideon goes down to the Midyan camp at night. Gideon hears a man relating a dream that he had had regarding the victory that would be won by Gideon.
- Gideon instructs the three hundred soldiers to take shofars, torches and empty jugs for war.
- The three hundred soldiers are split into three groups.
- o Two Midyan leaders, Orev and Z'ev, are killed.
- o Gideon and his army are victorious.

Audio Correction: 4:10, Gideon was the smaller army representing the barley bread not the larger army.