

Text: Judges 8:22-35

OFFER MADE TO GIDEON

1. To rule over Israel **Judges 8:22a**
 - a) Gideon
 - b) His sons
2. Reason: Deliverance from Midian **Judges 8:22b**

REFUSAL OF THE OFFER

1. Outright refusal **Judges 8:23a**
2. Reason: God shall rule **Judges 8:23b**

REQUEST FROM GIDEON

1. Request for gold **Judges 8:24a**
2. Golden earrings from the Ishmaelites **Judges 8:24**
3. Gift of many earrings and other spoils **Judges 8:25-26**

MAKING OF AN EPHOD

1. Gideon made an ephod **Judges 8:27**
2. The ephod became a snare **Judges 8:27**
 - a) To Gideon
 - b) To his household

MIDIAN TOTALLY DEFEATED

1. The power of Midian was broken **Judges 8:28**
2. Peace prevailed **Judges 8:28**

FAMILY OF GIDEON

1. Many wives **Judges 8:29-30**
2. Seventy sons **Judges 8:30**
3. One concubine in Shechem **Judges 8:31**
4. One son from this relationship
Abimelech **Judges 8:31**
5. Death of Gideon **Judges 8:32**

AFTER THE DEATH OF GIDEON

1. Israel returned to idolatrous ways
 - a) Baals

b) Baal Berith (Covenant with Baal) **Judges 8:33**

c) Did not remember what the Lord had done **Judges 8:34**

2. Israel's disregard for Gideon

a) No kindness was shown to Gideon's family

b) All the good that Gideon did was all but totally forgotten