



# **“The sword of the LORD”**

**Series: What the Judges tell us about the Time of the End**



# “Many are called...”

“**Whosoever *is* fearful and afraid**, let him return and depart early from mount Gilead. And there returned of the people twenty and two thousand; and there remained ten thousand..” (Judges 7:3)

“ He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. **But the fearful, and unbelieving...** shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.” (Revelation 21:7-8)

- The principle of Deuteronomy 20:1-8 - go home if you're afraid!

“For **many are called, but few *are* chosen**” (Matthew 22:14)



# How do we drink from the brook?

“So he brought down the people unto the water: and the LORD said unto Gideon, Every one that lappeth of the water with his tongue, as a dog lappeth, him shalt thou set by himself; likewise every one that boweth down upon his knees to drink. And **the number of them that lapped, *putting* their hand to their mouth, were three hundred men:** but all the rest of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water.” (Judges 7:5-6)

“**O taste and see that the LORD *is* good:** blessed *is* the man *that* trusteth in him.” (Psalm 34:8)

# “A cake of barley bread”



“And when Gideon was come, behold, there was a man that told a dream unto his fellow, and said, Behold, I dreamed a dream, and, lo, a cake [rolling - round] of **barley bread**

- **Barley - the first fruits** - Gideon is the type of Christ - 1 Corinthians 15:20-23)

“Barley-meal was rather food for dogs or cattle than for men; and therefore **the barley cake would be the emblem of a thing despised.**” (Spurgeon)

“And base things of the world, and **things which are despised, hath God chosen**, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:” (1 Corinthians 1:28)



# “Smote it that it fell”

“And when Gideon was come, behold, *there was* a man that told a dream unto his fellow, and said, Behold, I dreamed a dream, and, lo, a **cake [rolling - round]** of barley bread **tumbled [overthrew]** into the host of Midian, and came unto a tent, and **smote** it that **it fell**, and **overturned [overthrew - turned on its head]** it, that the tent lay along.” (Judges 7:13)

“And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang *it*, and **smote** the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and **he fell** upon his face to the earth.” (1 Samuel 17:49)

# Mighty ones as one man

“And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD *is* with thee, thou **mighty man of valour**.”  
(Judges 6:12)

“Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy **mighty ones** to come down, O LORD.” (Joel 3:11)

“And the LORD said unto him, Surely **I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man**.” Judges 6:16

- Daniel 10:5-6 - **vision of the one man**





# The One Man

“Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins *were* girded with fine gold of Uphaz: His body also *was* like the beryl, and **his face as the appearance of lightning**, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.” (Daniel 10:5-6)

Revelation 1:13-16 - **What comes out of his mouth?**



# The One Man

“And he said unto them, **Look on me, and do likewise**: and, behold, when I come to the outside of the camp, it shall be *that*, as I do, so shall ye do.” (Judges 7:17)

“And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and **held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands** to blow *withal*: and **they cried, The sword of the LORD, and of Gideon.**” (Judges 7:20)





# “The hiding of his power”

“... the LORD my God shall come, *and* all the saints with thee. And it shall come to pass in that day, **that the light shall not be clear, nor dark.**” (Zechariah 14:5)

- RV margin - “**there shall not be light, the bright ones shall contract themselves**”

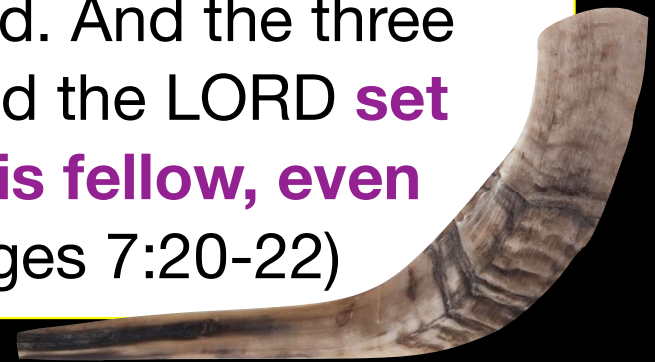
“God came from Teman, and the Holy One from mount Paran. Selah. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise. And **his brightness was as the light; he had horns coming out of his hand:** and there *was* **the hiding** of his power.” (Habakkuk 3:3-4)

- Hebrew: ‘**chebyôn**’ used 1x - a concealing



# “The hiding of his power”

“And the three companies **blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and held the lamps** in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow *withal*: and they cried, The sword of the LORD, and of Gideon. And they stood every man in his place round about the camp: and all the host ran, and cried, and fled. And the three hundred blew the trumpets, and the LORD **set every man's sword against his fellow, even throughout all the host**” (Judges 7:20-22)





# “Against his brother”

“And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord GOD: **every man's sword shall be against his brother.** And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that *are* with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.” (Ezekiel 38:21-23)



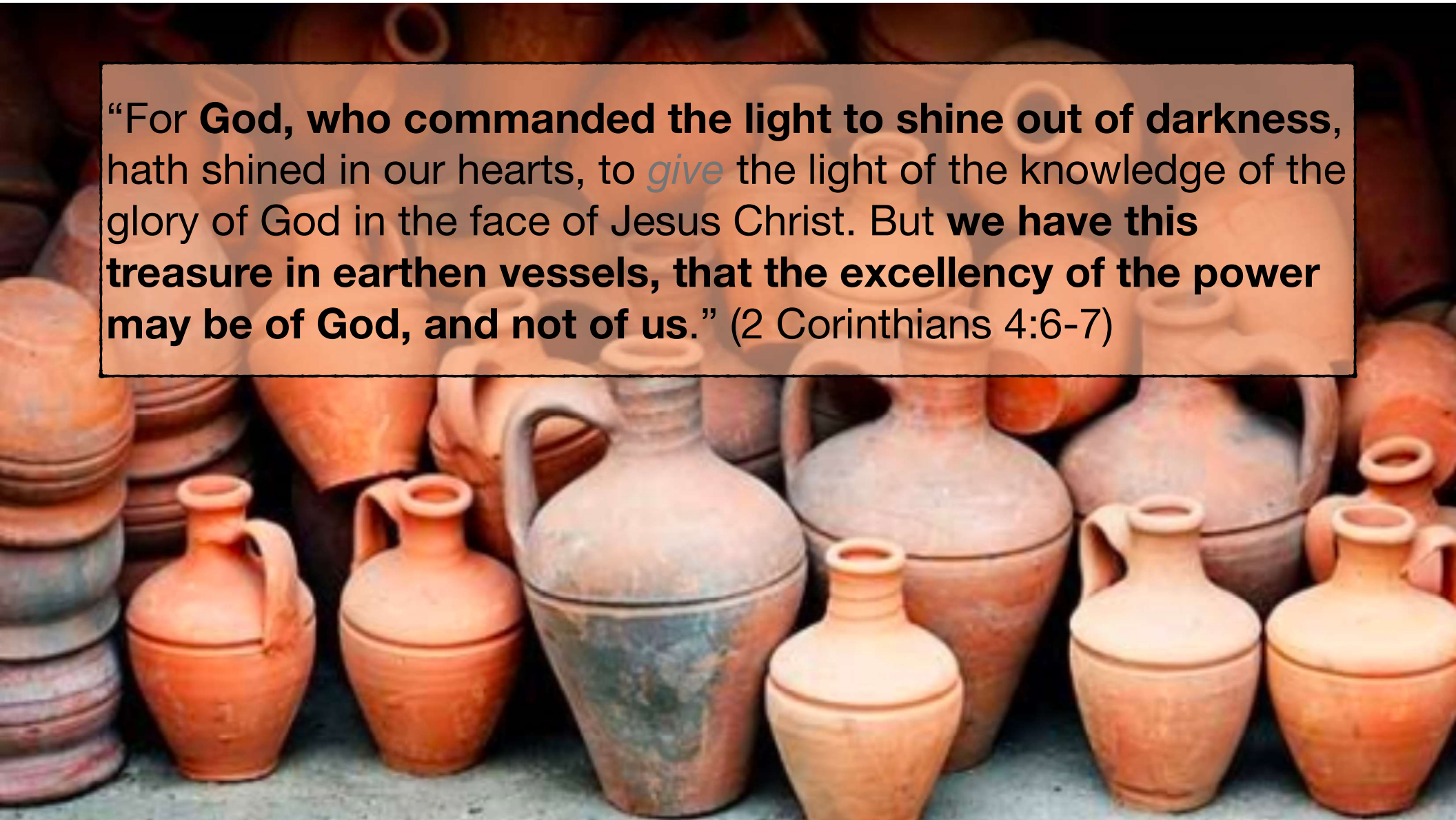
# The slaughter of Midian

“Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD of hosts, O my people that dwellest in Zion, be not afraid of the Assyrian: **he shall smite thee with a rod, and shall lift up his staff against thee**, after the manner of Egypt. For yet a very little while, and the indignation shall cease, and mine anger in their destruction. And the LORD of hosts shall stir up a scourge for him **according to the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb**: and *as* his rod *was* upon the sea, so shall he lift it up after the manner of Egypt.” (Isaiah 10:24-26)

- Psalm 83 - the time of the end



**“For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.” (2 Corinthians 4:6-7)**





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## THMs

- “Make our calling and election sure” - (Philippians 2:12-18)
- “Shine as lights” - (Philippians 2:12-18)
- Hold forth the word of life - (Philippians 2:12-18)
- “Taste and see that the LORD *is* good” (Psalm 34:8)