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Gideon's 300

Friday May 26th, 2023 was the Jewish festival of Shavuot, aka Pentecost when God shook the mountain and gave the Jewish nation the Ten Commandments from Mount Sinai. It was during my morning prayer time that I received a mandate from God. This does not happen very often, but when it does, I know it is a very important assignment. This is what I heard in my heart: **"Bring Down Babylon!"** Then I wrote down "Shavuot...and the mountain shook!" I knew the seriousness of the mandate. I started to tear up and I said, "I'm not worthy!" and in a soft loving voice I heard "Yes you are Gideon!" This mandate is primarily for the Thumb of Michigan which is our region of authority.

Judges 6, 7 and 8 tell the story of Gideon (born 1252 BC)

Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, so He delivered them into the hands of the Midianites who formed a coalition with the Amalekites.

Judg 6:11-16 *Now the Angel of the Lord came and sat under the terebinth tree which was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon threshed wheat in the winepress, in order to hide it from the Midianites. 12 And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him, and said to him, "The Lord is with you, you mighty man of valor!"*

13 Gideon said to Him, "O my lord, if the Lord is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all His miracles which our fathers told us about, saying, 'Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt?' But now the Lord has forsaken us and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites."

*14 Then the Lord turned to him and said, "Go in this might of yours, and you shall save Israel from the hand of the Midianites. Have I not sent you?" 15 So he said to Him, "O my Lord, how can I save Israel? **Indeed my clan is the weakest in Manasse, and I am the least in my father's house.**" 16 And the Lord said to him, "Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat the Midianites as **one man.**"*

Gideon makes an offering of boiled meat and unleavened bread, which the Angel of the Lord told him to put on a rock, and a fire shot out of the rock and consumed the offering. **Now Gideon perceived** he was the Angel of the Lord, who said to him *"Peace be with you; do not fear, you shall not die."* So Gideon built an altar there to the Lord, and called it **"The-Lord-Is-Peace."** This literally means **"Yahweh Shalom"** meaning wholeness, security, well-being, prosperity, peace and friendship.

First directive: Tear down the **altar of Baal and cut down the wooden image** that is beside it (6:25). So Gideon did this at night because he feared his father's household and the men of the city. The next day, the men of the city wanted to kill Gideon for doing this.

Judg 6:31-32 *But Joash said to all who stood against him, "Would you **plead for Baal?** Would you save him? Let the one who would plead for him be put to death by morning! If he is a god, let him plead for himself, because his altar has been torn down!" 32 Therefore on that day he called him **Jerubbaal**, saying, "Let Baal plead against him, because he has torn down his altar." Wow! Bold, in-your-face statement.*

Plead, Strong's #7378 riyb (reeb); to toss, grapple, to wrangle, to defend, adversary, chide, rebuke, strive, debate and also means; contest (personal or legal).

Wooden Image: this was a cult object representing the **Canaanite goddess Asherah.**

The Significance of 400 Years

God brought Jacob and his 12 sons into Egypt for 400 years to form the nation Israel. Gideon tears down the altar of Baal and destroys the image of Asherah leading to the deliverance of Israel from the Midianites. 400 years later Elijah calls down the fire of God on Mount Carmel dealing with the prophets of Asherah and Baal, turning Israel back to God. 400 years later Queen Esther's Decree saves the Jews from destruction by Haman. September 1620, the Mayflower arrives in America, dedicating the county to our Lord Jesus Christ. 400 years later on 9-26-2020, Jonathan Cahn called for Christians to **"Return"** to God. Thousands of Christians humbled themselves, fasted and prayed, as the Bride of Christ petitioning the King of Kings, Jesus Yeshua Hamashiach at the nation's capital in Washington DC and at the State Capital buildings all around America. I believe Jesus extended His golden scepter which is the rod of iron to rule the nations in **Rev 2:26-29** and Jesus the Bright and Morning Star gave his Bride the **Morning Star Authority to rule the nations.**

In that same month, September 2020, We The County was launched to shake the Deep State and bring down Babylon.

Asherah-Ishtar-Jezebel

Jezebel is said to be the embodiment of all the goddesses. During her life, Jezebel supported and cared for 400 prophets of **Asherah** the Canaanite goddess (**1 Kings 18:19**). Other names are used by different cultures, but many believe are the same goddess; Ashtoreth means a star (Phoenicians), Astarte (Greeks and Romans), Ishtar (Assyrians), and are generally identified with Venus or Aphrodite.

Understanding The Gates

Ishtar was the main goddess of Babylon and she was the goddess of love, beauty, sex, desire, fertility, war, combat and **political power**. Her symbols are the lion and the 8 pointed star. The 8 pointed star is often used in Hollywood movies as a **“star-gate”** symbol. This star also represents chaos. Ishtar is also known as the **“Queen of Heaven.”**

The Ishtar Gate Exists Today! Ancient cities had fortified gates for protection. Babylon had 8 gates. The main gate was the gate of the highest honor. Babylon’s main gate was the **Gate of Ishtar** (also called the Hanging Gardens Gate) and was considered one of the 7 wonders of the ancient world. **In 1930 AD the Ishtar gate was excavated** and partially reconstructed at the Pergamom Museum in Berlin Germany. A smaller version was built in Iraq by Saddam Hussein but it was never finished due to the war. There are several museums that have received portions of the **Ishtar Gate**.

“The Deity” set up in Port Austin at Bird Creek Farms Restaurant. “A super being connected to nature.” “This open us up to talking about modern true deities that are around us every day,” Murawski said (restaurant owner). Paganism which is linked Satanism embraces “deities” the gods and goddesses of the occult who stand in opposition to Jesus Christ.

Gen 22:17-18 *blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your **descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies**. 18 In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.*

“Bring Down Babylon!”

Rev 11:15 *Seventh Trumpet: The Kingdom Proclaimed* (Theme verse on our Vision Wall)

15 Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!”

Rev 14:6 *And another angel followed, saying, “**Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.**”*

Rev 18:21-22 *Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a **great millstone and threw it into the sea**, saying, “Thus with violence the **great city Babylon** shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore. Rev chpt 19, Heaven Exults over Babylon falling and Jesus returns as KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORD defeating the Beast and his armies.*

America is one of the #1 nations of the world in child sex trafficking and pornography, and we have forced this on other nations. **Mark 9:42** *“But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble (literally to fall into sin), it would be better for him if a **millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea.**”*

This was quoted by Jim Caviezel playing the role of Tim Ballard in the movie **The Sound of Freedom**. It was not in the script, but Caviezel asked to put it in. Jim Caviezel was unaware this was one of Tim Ballard’s theme Scriptures.

After Gideon tears down the altar of Baal and destroys the image of Asherah, 32,000 soldiers from Israel gather behind Gideon to fight the Midianites. God brings this down to 300 to show everyone, He will win this battle, and it will be through the obedience of Gideon. Gideon divided the men into 3 groups of 100, gave them a sword, torch covered with a clay pot and a trumpet. They were instructed to blow the trumpet, break the pitchers, then shout “The sword of the Lord and of Gideon!” This brought great fear and confusion into the camp of the Midianites and they started to destroy one another. Then all of the other men of Israel gathered together to fight against the Midianites and destroyed them.

Ignite the Thumb Praise Rallies: Start with a trumpet blast, a shout, singing and praising, then we strike the ground with the Sword of the Lord! Our first Not Ashamed Praise Rally we had nearly **300** people. Now thousands will be joining!