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In the name of the
Father, and the Son, and
the Holy Spirit, one God.
Amen.



Begin with the Lord's prayer

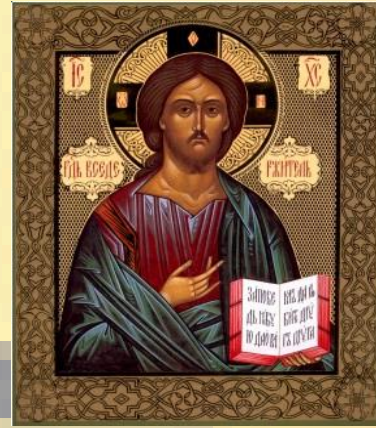
Our Lord and Savior, our King and God, we thank you for gathering us here to stand before you to call on your Holy Name.

Heavenly Father, teach us to trust You in everything we do.

Our God open our eyes, ears, hearts and minds that we may hear Your Word and transform (Change) our lives.

Bless all the children and keep them safe. Hear us when we humbly and thankfully pray to you.

Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from the evil one
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the
Glory. Forever, Amen.



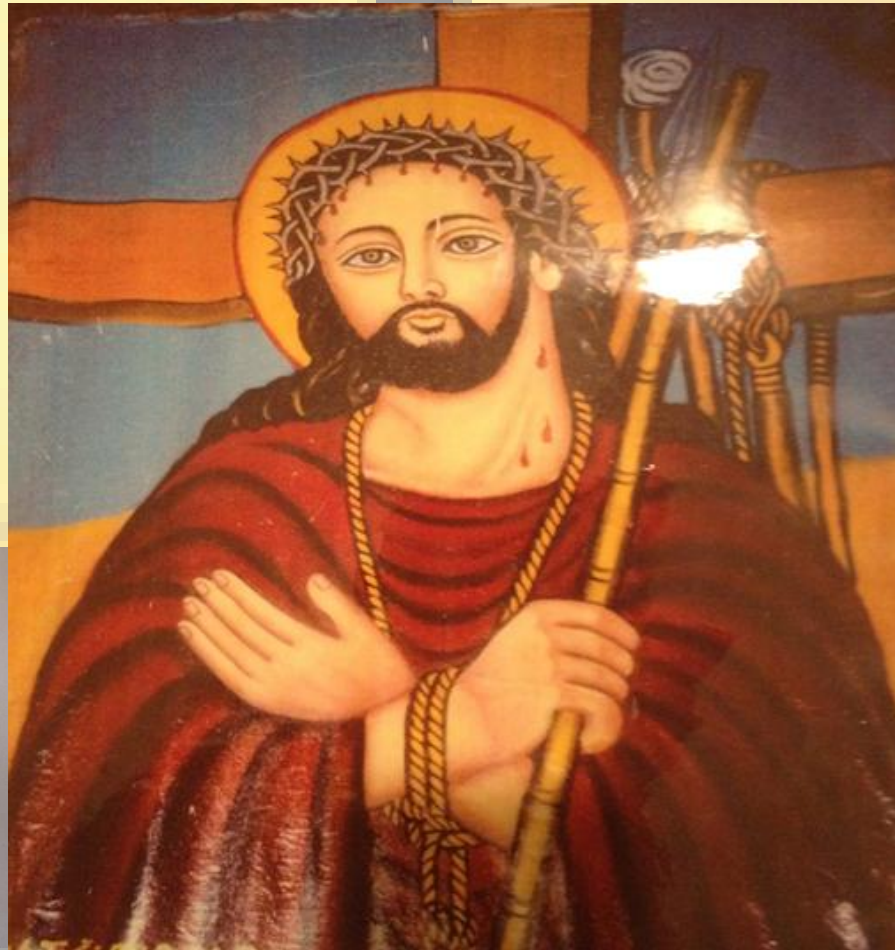
O our Lady, as St. Gabriel greeted you, “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.” True Virgin in conscience as well as body, blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Holy Mary, the God-bearer, pray that your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, may forgive us our sins. Amen.



Say The Jesus Prayer 3 times

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
have mercy on me, a sinner.**



Review

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:

1. "And the LORD, said to (JOSHUA, MOSES), 'See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor.'
2. "You shall march around the city, all you men of war; you shall go around the city once. This you shall do _____ days." (SIX, SIXTY)
3. "But the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priest shall blow the _____." (FLUTES, TRUMPETS)
4. "And it happened when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people (WHISPERED, SHOUTED) with a great (WHISPER, SHOUT), that the wall fell down flat.
5. "And Joshua spared (BABAH, RAHAB) the harlot, her father's household, and all that she had. So she dwells in Israel to this day, because she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho."

Review

TRUE OF FALSE:

6. Joshua told the priest, “Take up the ark of the covenant and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark of the LORD.”
7. "Now Joshua had commanded the people, saying, 'You shall not shout or make any noise with your voice, nor shall a word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I say to you, "Whisper"! Then you shall whisper.' ”
8. "So the LORD was with Joshua, and his fame spread throughout all the country." JOSHUA 6:27

MEMORY VERSE

**Can anyone tell me
last week's
memory verse???**




Recite Last week's memory verse

“By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days”.

Hebrews 11:30



Class Covenant

I will keep my  on my teacher,
my  in control,
my s on God's Word;
knowing God is my goal.

Gideon

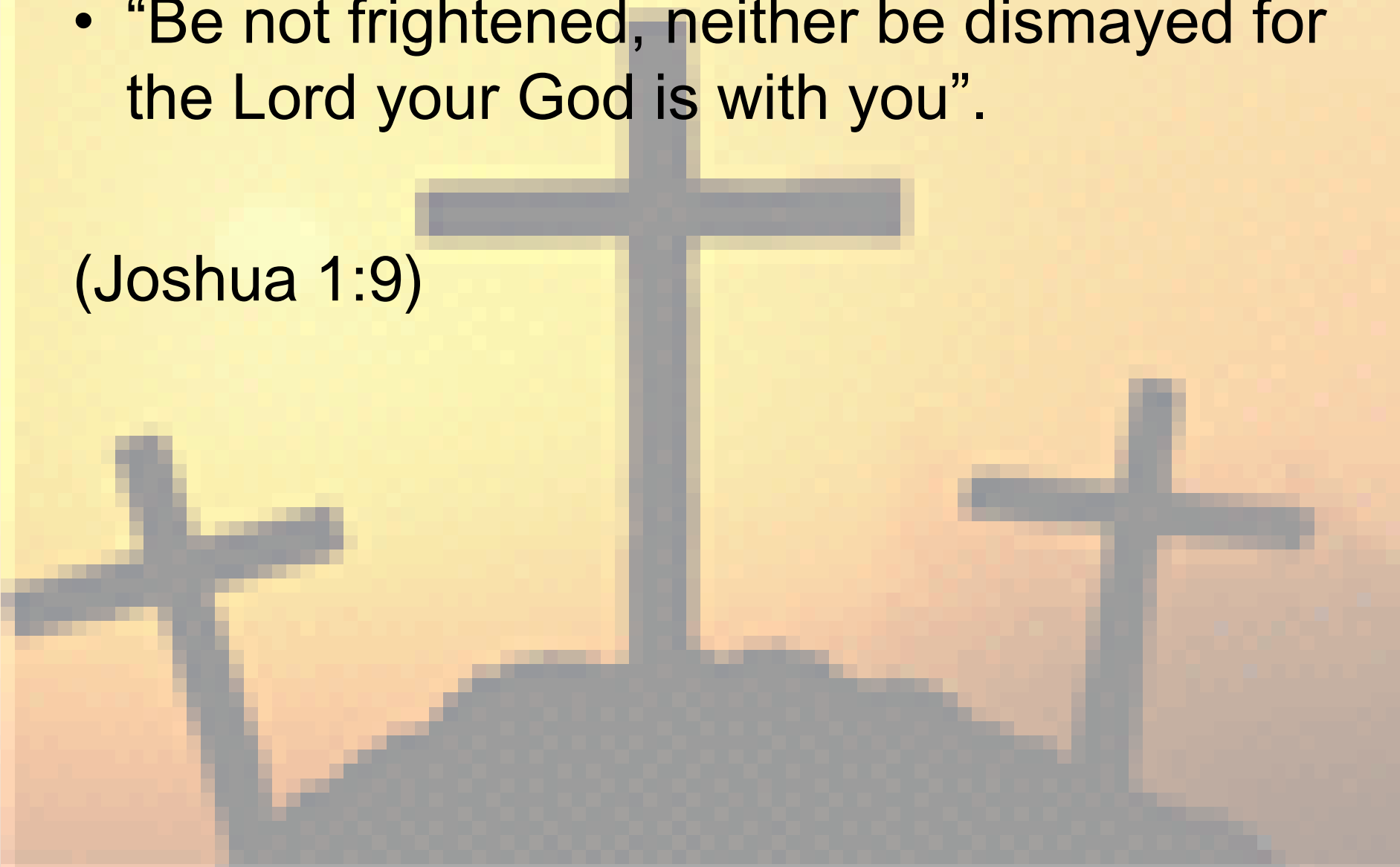


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Memory Verse

- “Be not frightened, neither be dismayed for the Lord your God is with you”.

(Joshua 1:9)



Objective

- The Lord sends His angels to the Saints, and fights for us.

References:

- Judges 6

After the death of Joshua, for about 250 years, God appointed Judges, until the time of Samuel, who was the last Judge, and Saul became the first king.



This is the story of Gideon the Judge. The Israelites had been serving foreign gods and were once again slaves.



The people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the Lord and the Lord gave them into the hand of Midian for seven years, and they were forced to find hiding places in the mountains, dens, the caves and the tombs.



For whenever the Israelites put in seed, their enemies came up and attacked them and destroyed the produce of the land, Israel was brought very low because of Midian.



The people of Israel cried for help to the Lord.



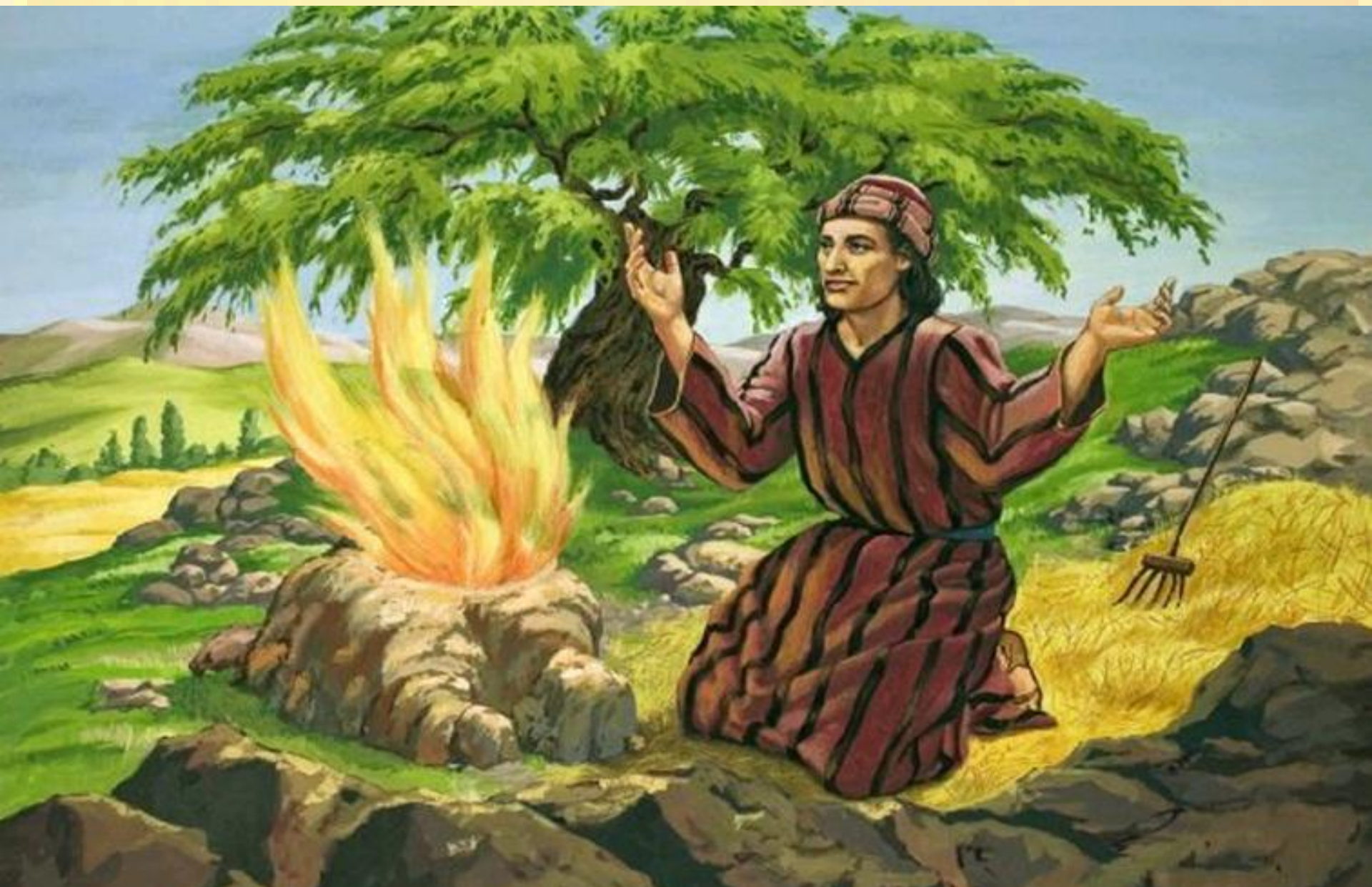
God sent them a prophet, who reminded them of the promise that their fathers made.



When the people of Israel cried to the Lord on account of the Midianites, the Lord sent the angel to them. Now the angel of the Lord came and sat under the oak at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, as his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the wine press, to hide it from the Midianites.



And the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon and said to him, “The Lord is with you, you mighty man of valor”.



- And Gideon said to him, “Pray sir, if the Lord is with us, why then has all this befallen us? And where are all His wonderful deeds, which our fathers recounted to us saying: Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt? But now the Lord has cast us off and given us into the hand of Midian”.

- And 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?"
Gideon apologized saying that he was weak and the least in his family. The Lord said to him, "I will be with you and you shall smite the Midianites as one man".

Amazed Gideon replied, "With me? How could that possibly be?" The angel answered, "*I will make you strong; go and save Israel from the hand of the enemy.*"



Gideon asked for a sign, and went to prepare food. He returned with some meat, bread and soup.



When he put it on the rock, the angel touched it and it burst into flames.



After the angel had gone, Gideon built an altar and worshipped the Lord.



That night, God spoke to Gideon in a vision, *“Take your father’s best ox, then follow my instructions.”*



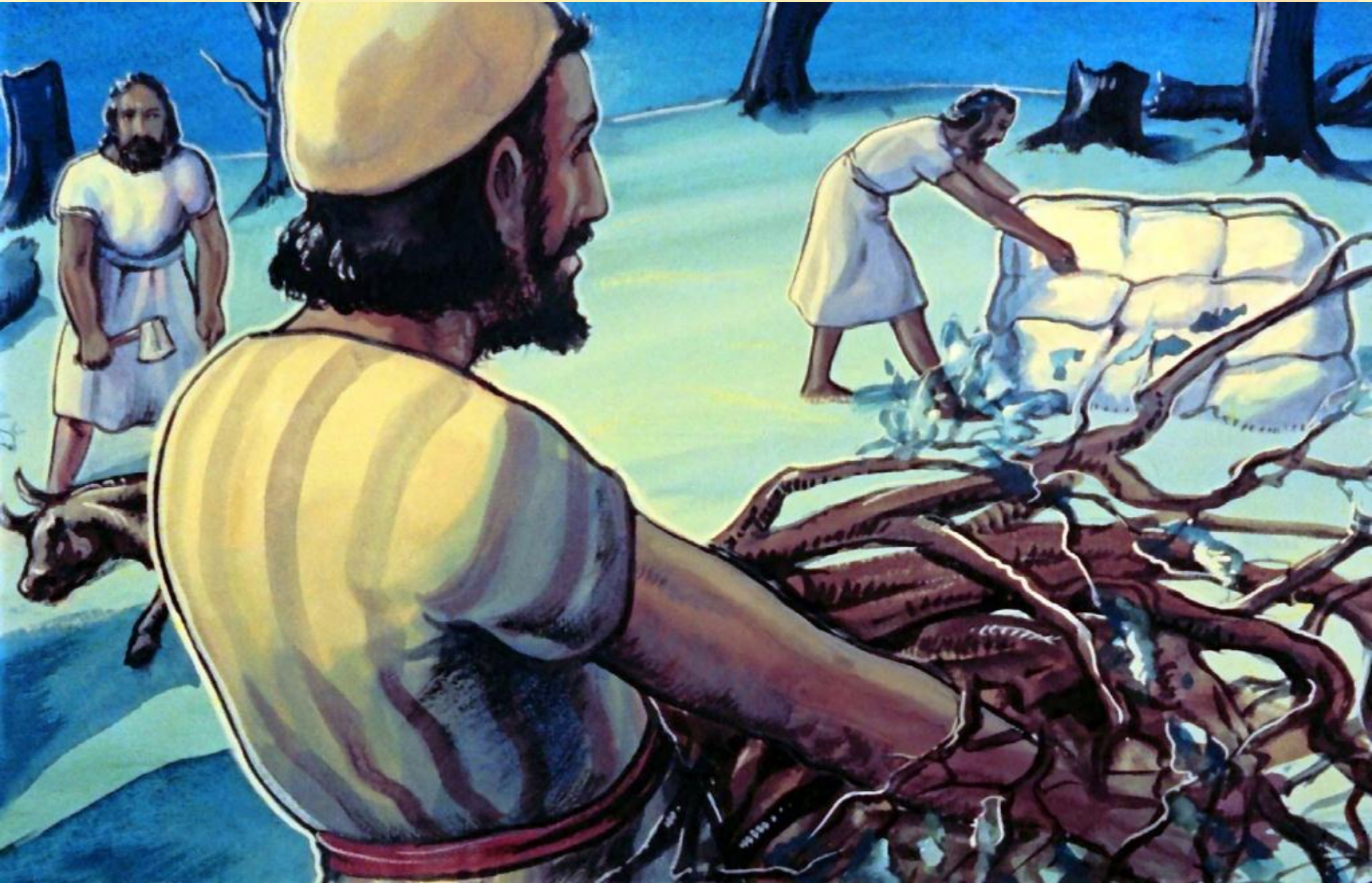
Gideon took ten men and went to the altar of the heathen god Baal.



They hitched the ox to the altar, then smashed it to the ground.



Then they replaced it with an altar to the Lord and prepared a sacrifice using the ox.



The following morning, it was discovered that the heathen altar had been destroyed.



The men of the city were furious shouting, ***“Bring out Gideon! For this he must die.”***



Soon afterwards, a large enemy army crossed the river Jordan and camped in the valley.



The Spirit of God came upon Gideon; and he gathered Israel.



The twelve tribes responded to the trumpet call.



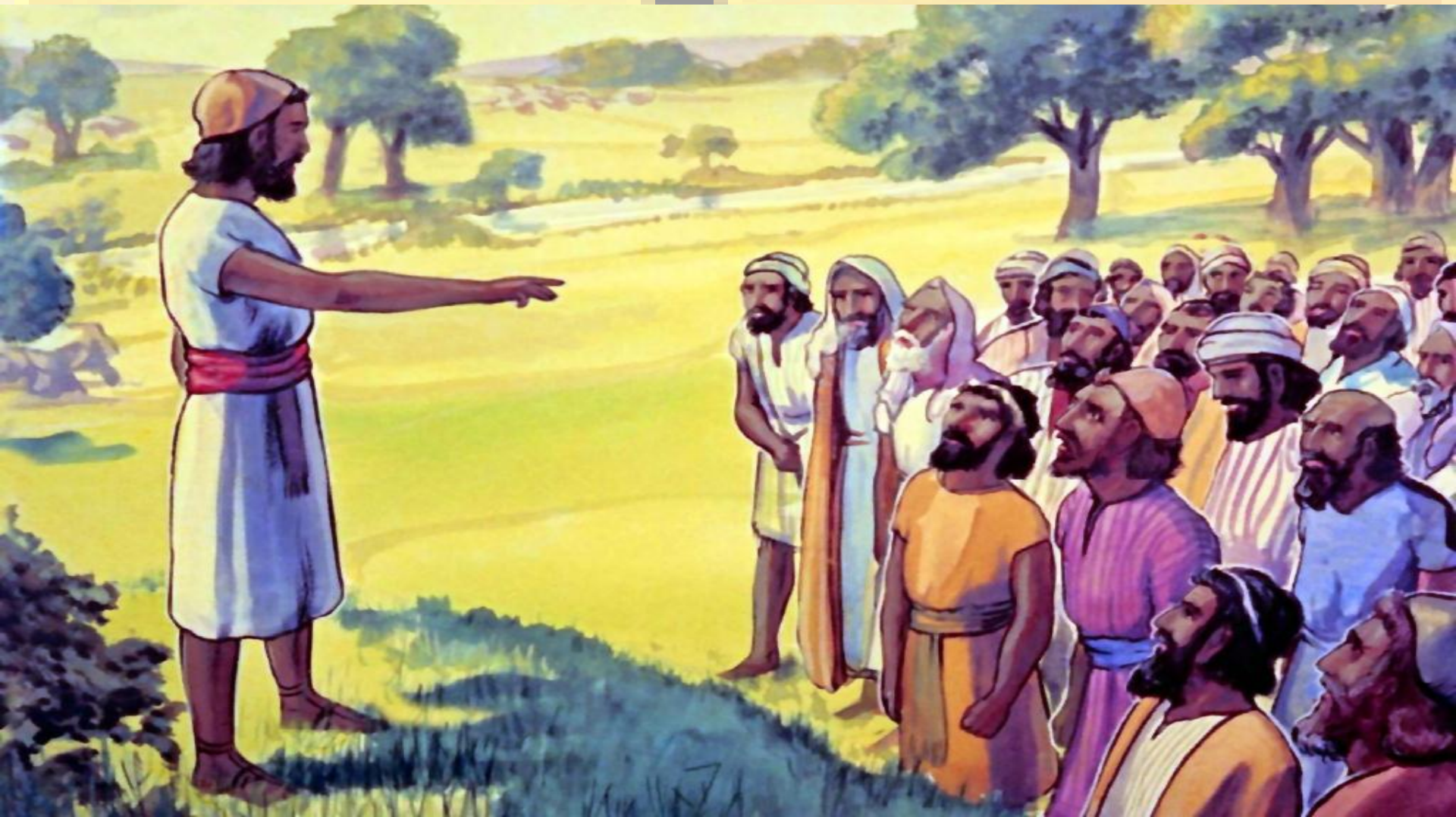
Gideon said to the Lord; *“If you are really going to use me save Israel, I’ll put out a fleece of wool tonight.”*



In the morning if the fleece is wet, but the ground is dry, then I will know that you will help me.”



Gideon began to gather an army. Thousands of people responded to his call. Then the Lord said to Gideon, "Your army is numerous and so the Israelites might boast that they have won the battle by their own strength."



God told Gideon, ***“There are too many people, send home the timid and the frightened.”*** They did, but there were still ten thousand, so God said; ***“Take them down to the water, those who drink from the cup of their hands, you will take with you, and those that lap like a dog, leave behind.”***



Then there were only three hundred men left! I will free you using only the strength of three hundred men.



During the night God spoke to Gideon, “Attack the enemy, but if you’re afraid, first go down and listen to what they’re saying.”



So Gideon went down into the enemy camp.



They were discussing dreams and premonitions that Gideon's army would utterly destroy them.

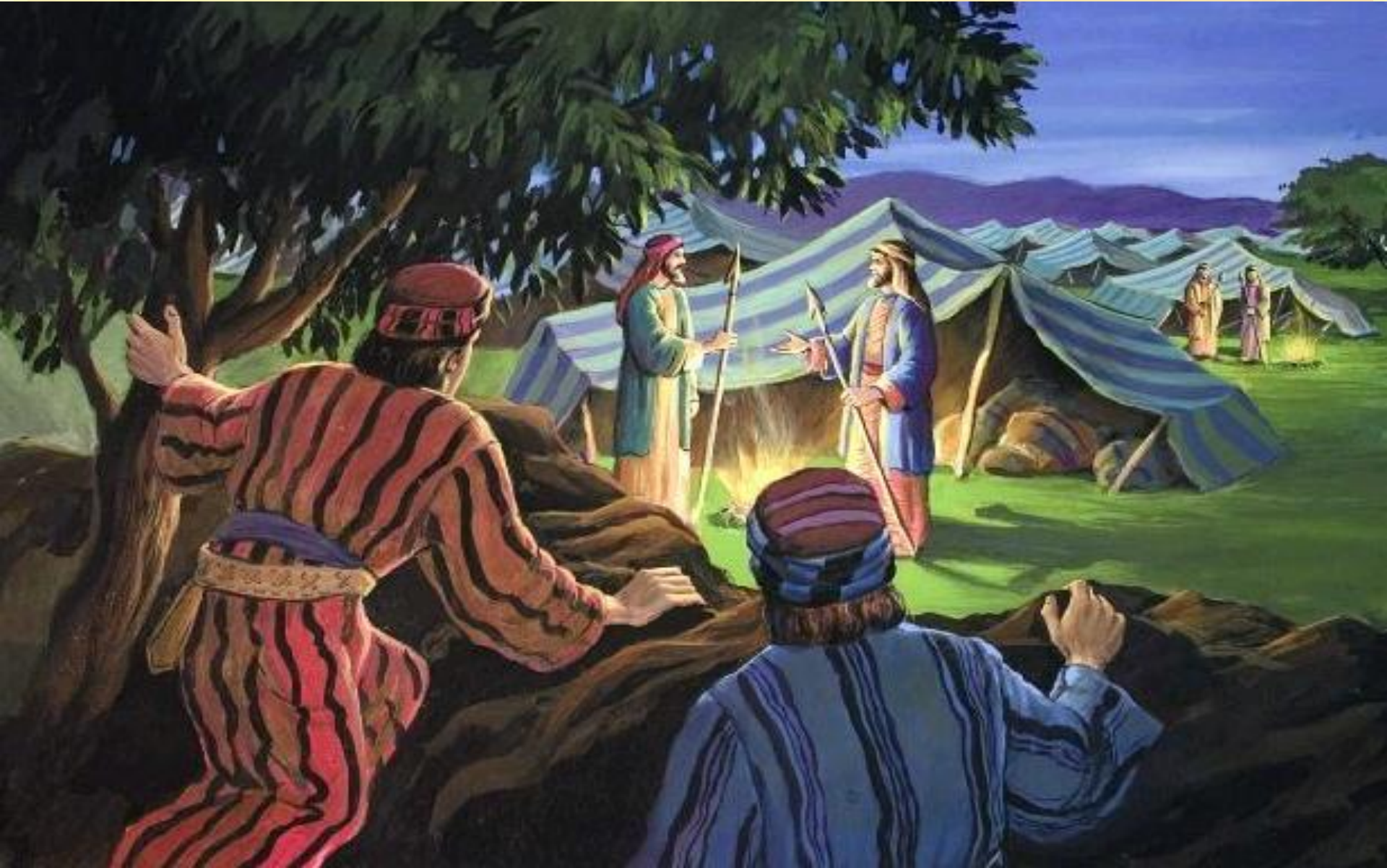


Gideon prepared for battle, by giving everyman a trumpet and a jar with a torch inside.



Then he said, “You will watch me closely and do what I do from the moment I reach the enemy’s camp. When I blow my trumpet, you will blow yours, and you will cry out, “For the Lord and for Gideon!”

Later that evening, Gideon and a hundred of his men reached the edge of the camp just after the changing of the guard.



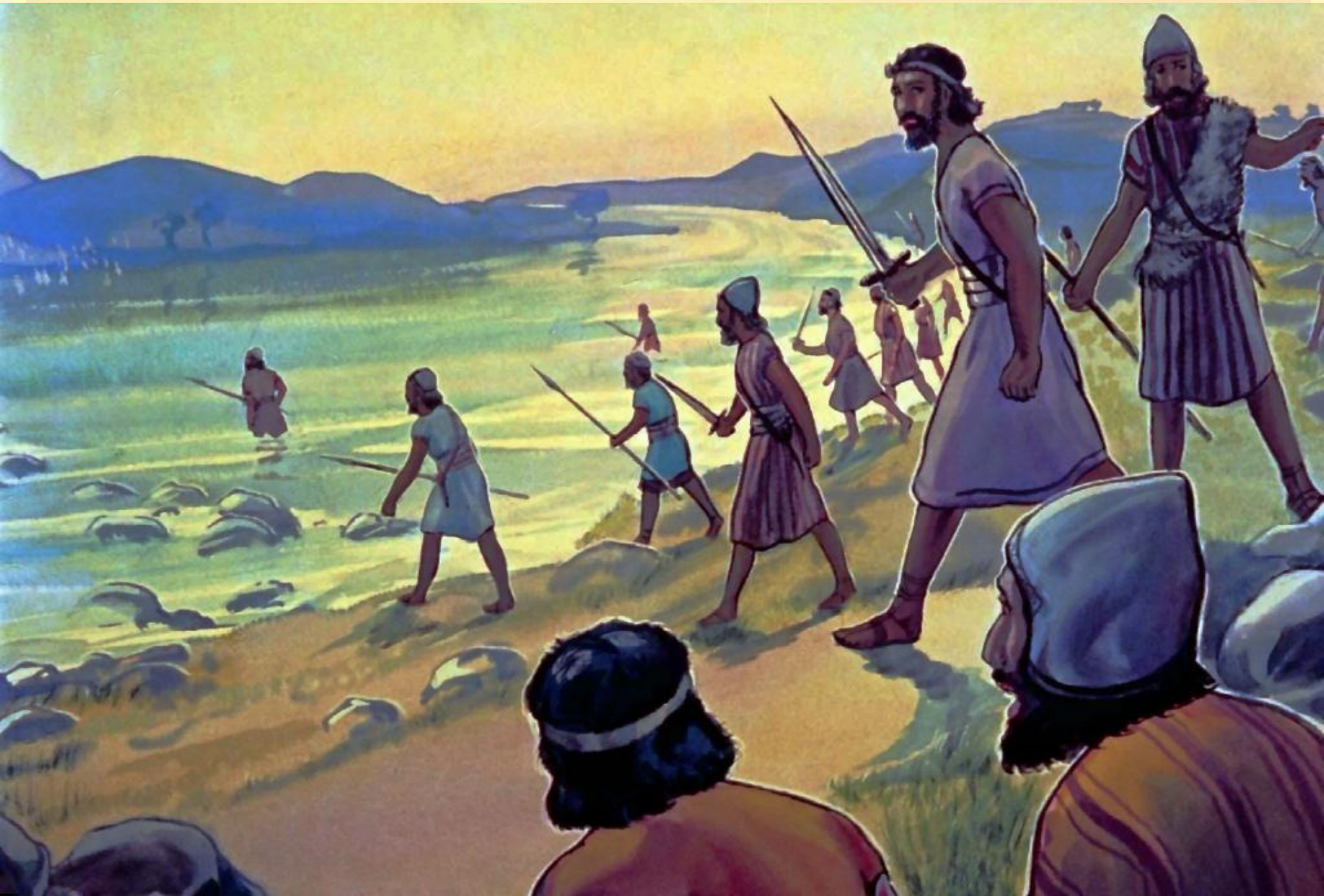
Then they blasted their trumpets immediately and broke the jars and held their torches aloft and cried out, "For the Lord and for Gideon!"



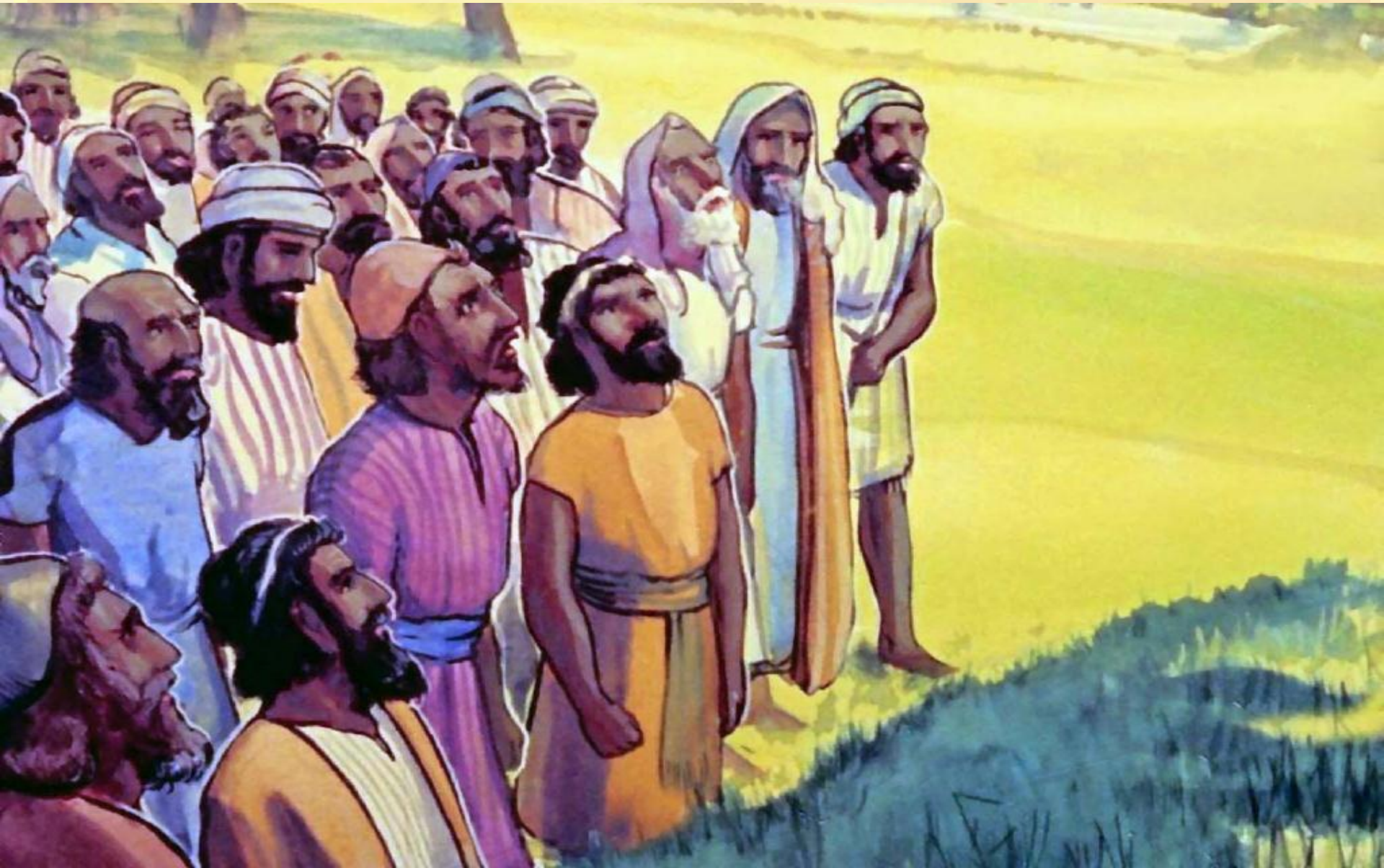
They took up positions around the camp, and saw the soldiers inside were running around and panicking. When Gideon's three hundred men blew their trumpets, the enemy soldiers attacked and killed each other.



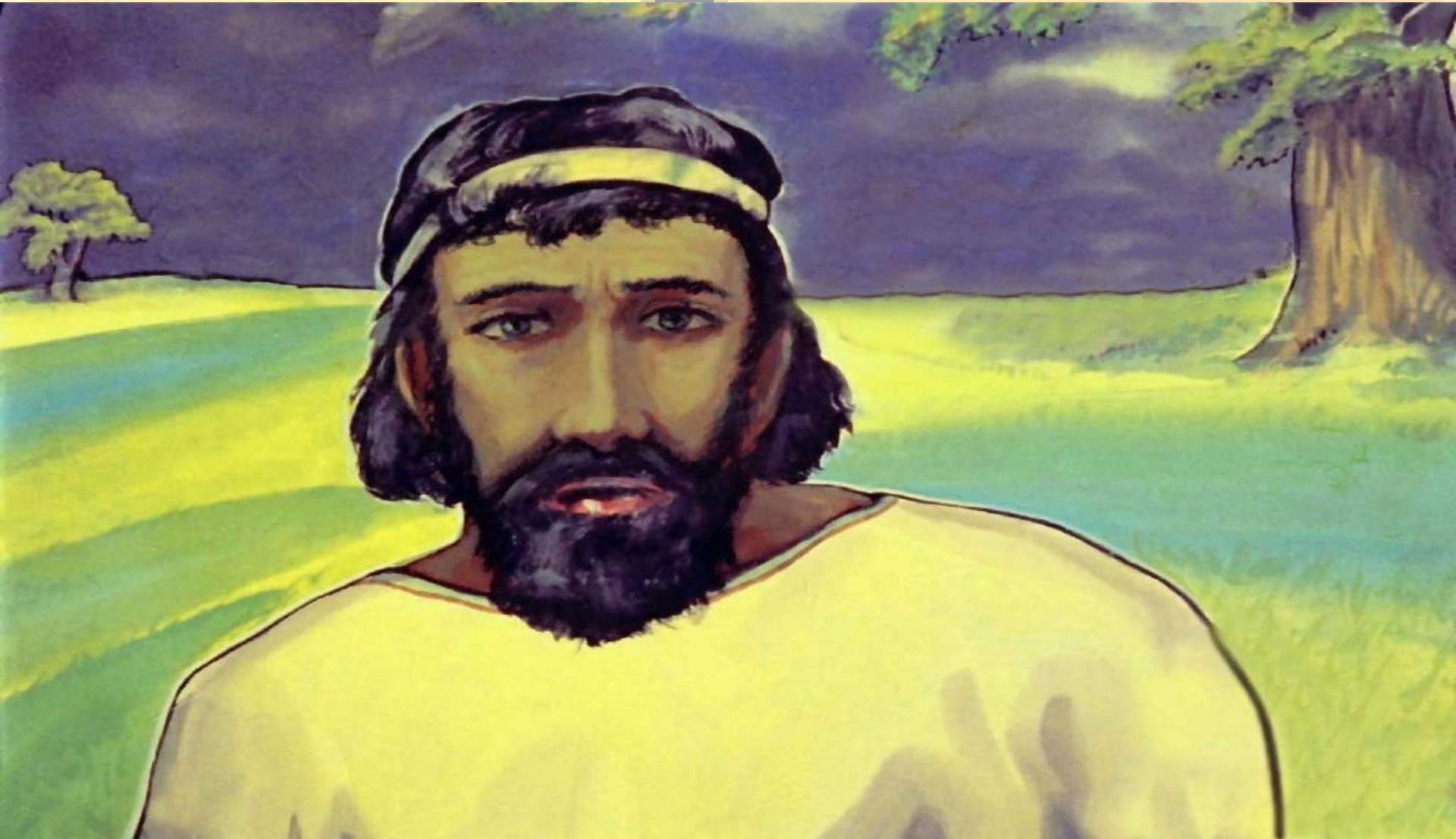
After a long battle, the enemy was utterly destroyed.



After this the Israelites said to Gideon, “You should become our leader and after you your son and then your grandson, because you freed us from the Midianites.



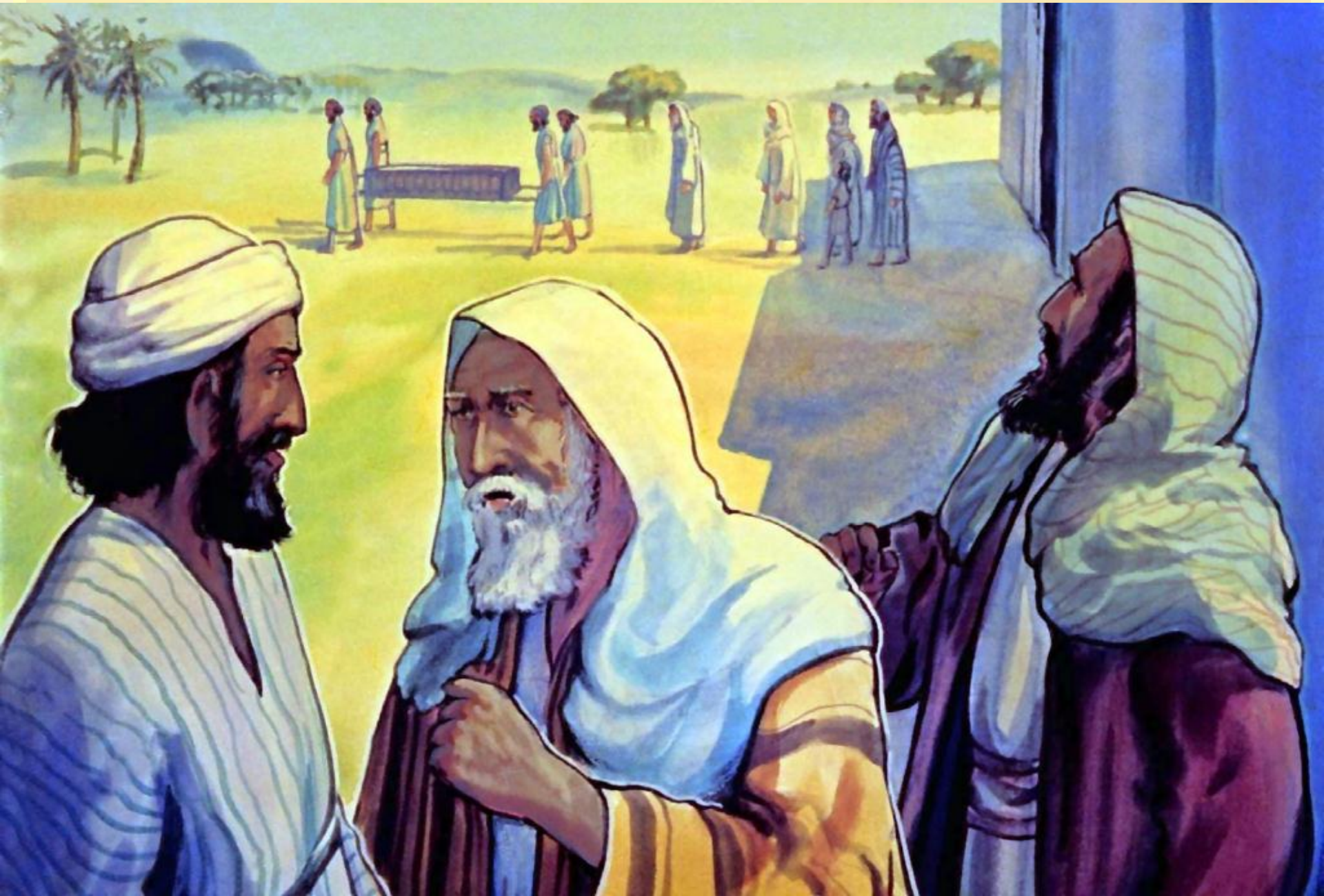
Gideon replied, however, “Neither I nor my sons will govern you. The Lord shall be your ruler and King.”



The children of Israel dwelt in peace for the next forty years.



Gideon lived to a good old age, then died.



Conclusion

God can use young and simple people to do great things and win great victories as He did with Gideon who were the youngest of his family.

Movie Clip

Show a short movie clip about the story, if available.



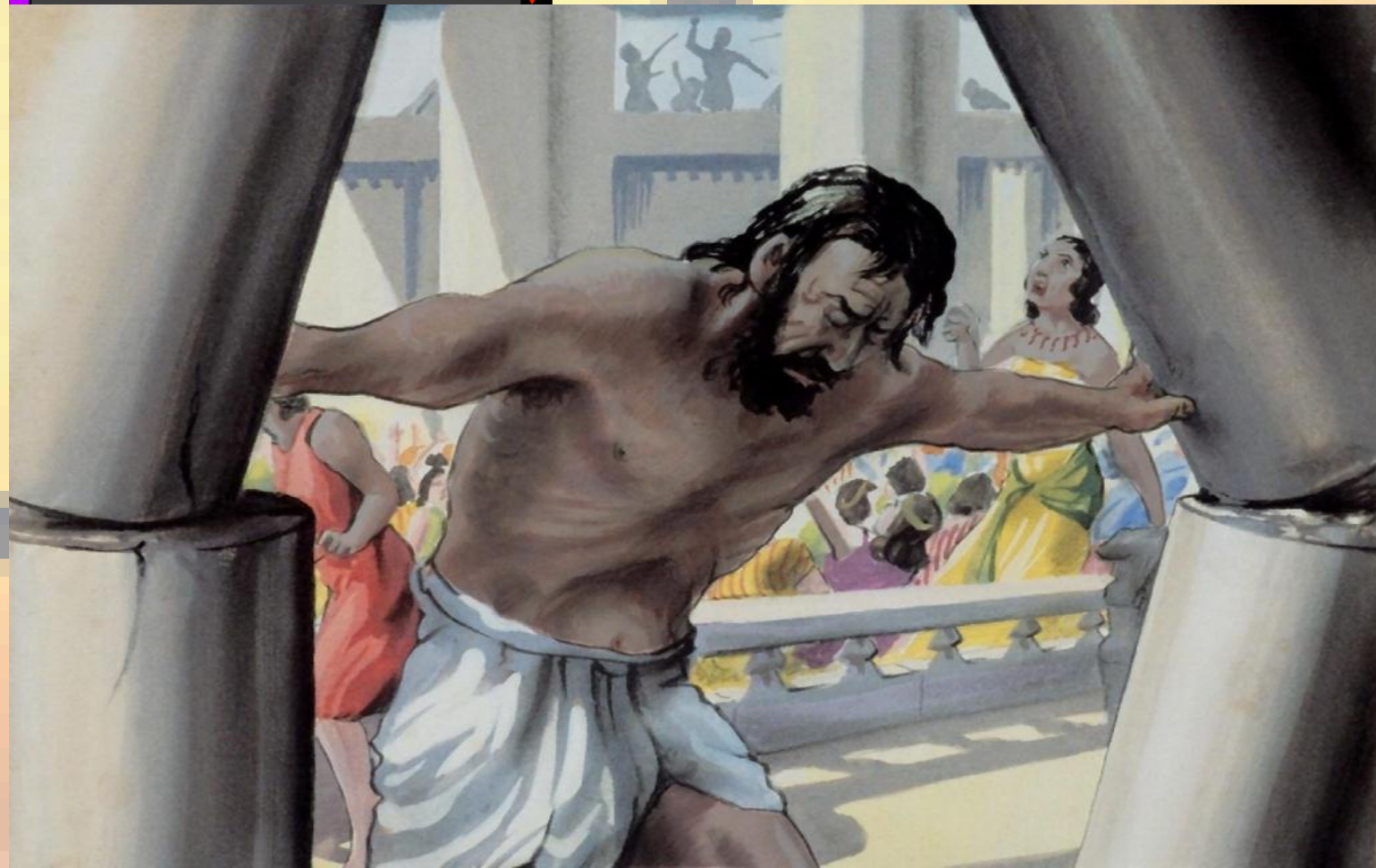
Questions

- What did the Midianites do to the Israelites?
- Where did the Israelites dwell?
- What did the Israelites do when they were oppressed?
- Who appeared to Gideon?
- What was Gideon doing?
- What did the angel say to Gideon?
God had chosen him to deliver the Israelites
- What was Gideon's reply to the angel?
Gideon asked for a sign to prove God was with him
- God allowed the Midianites to treat His people badly because _____.
--they began to worship idols.
- In one battle each of Gideon's soldiers had _____ in their hands.
a trumpet and a pitcher

The End

Next Week

We will learn about one of the judges Samson.



3 things we all can do to strengthen our relationship with God

1. Read the Holy Bible daily preferably when we get up in the morning. 5 minutes to start.
2. Partake Holy Communion regularly.
3. Remember God throughout the day. We can repeat short prayer such as “Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on me.”

JESUS CHRIST

- “For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12)





*“And you shall know
the truth, and the
truth shall make you
free.” John 8:32*

Any question?

Close with prayer.

