

~BEDAN 1 (45)
(Be'dan)

- Listed with Gideon or Jerubbaal, Jephthah, and Samuel as delivering Israel from enemies.
- And Yehowah proceeded to send Jerubbaal and **Bedan** and Jephthah and Samuel and deliver you out of the hand of your enemies all around, that you might dwell in security. (**1 Samuel 12:11**)
- However, nowhere else in the Bible nor in secular history is mention made of such a **Bedan**. Regarding this text, **C. F. Keil and F. Delitzsch** remark; **It is extremely improbable that Samuel should have mentioned a judge here, who had been passed over in the book of Judges on account of his comparative insignificance.** [**Commentary on the Old Testament, 1973, Vol. II, 1 Samuel, p. 118**]
- **Bedan** is by some understood to refer to **Barak**. The context of;
- And Yehowah proceeded to send Jerubbaal and **Bedan** and Jephthah and Samuel and deliver you out of the hand of your enemies all around, that you might dwell in security. (**1 Samuel 12:11**)
- Denotes a major deliverer and recalls the oppression by Sisera and the deliverance that followed, a deliverance in which Yehowah used **Barak**. **Barak** is named along with Gideon and Jephthah in
- And what more shall I say? For the time will fail me if I go on to relate about Gideon, **Barak**, Samson, Jephthah, David as well as Samuel and the other prophets. (**Hebrews 11:32**)
- The **Greek Septuagint** and **Syriac Peshitta** read **Barak** at;
- And Yehowah proceeded to send Jerubbaal and **Bedan** and Jephthah and Samuel and deliver you out of the hand of your enemies all around, that you might dwell in security. (**1 Samuel 12:11**)
- Others believe **Bedan** refers to **Judge Abdon**.

See Also BARAK