

## ~JERUBBAAL (87)

(Jer-ub-ba'al) [Let Baal Make a Legal Defense or Contend]

- The name given to **Gideon** son of Joash the Abi-ezrite after he had torn down his father's altar to Baal and the wooden sacred pole by it, then, on an altar built to Yehowah, **Gideon** sacrificed a bull belonging to his father, using the pieces of the sacred pole as fuel.
- Later Yehowah's angel came and sat under the big tree that was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abi-ezrite, while Gideon his son was beating out wheat in the winepress so as to get it quickly out of the sight of Midian. (**Judges 6:11**)
- And it came about during that night that Yehowah went on to say to him; Take the young bull, the bull that belongs to your father, that is, the second young bull of seven years, and you must tear down the altar of Baal that is your fathers, and the sacred pole that is by it you should cut down. (**Judges 6:25**)
- And you must build an altar to Yehowah your God at the head of this stronghold, with the row of stones, and you must take the second young bull and offer it up as a burnt offering on the pieces of wood of the sacred pole that you will cut down. (**Judges 6:26**)
- Accordingly **Gideon** took ten men of his servants and went doing just as Yehowah had spoken to him, but it came about that, as he feared the household of his father and the men of the city too much to do it by day, he went doing it by night. (**Judges 6:27**)
- Early next morning the men of Ophrah, on discovering what had been done, were highly incensed. Accordingly they inquired and, finding that Gideon had done this thing, demanded that he be put to death. **Gideon's** father Joash took the side of **Gideon**, saying;
- Will you be the ones to make a legal defense for Baal to see whether you yourselves may save him? Whoever makes a legal defense for him ought to be put to death even this morning.
- If he is God, let him make a legal defense for himself, because someone has pulled down his altar.

- The Bible account continues; And he began to call him **Jerubbaal** on that day, saying; Let Baal make a legal defense in his own behalf, because someone has pulled down his altar.
- When the men of the city got up early in the morning as usual, why, look! The altar of Baal had been pulled down and the sacred pole that was beside it had been cut down, and the second young bull had been offered up on the altar that had been built. (**Judges 6:28**)
- And they began to say one to another; Who has done this thing? And they went inquiring and seeking. Finally they said; **Gideon** the son of Joash is the one that has done this thing. (**Judges 6:29**)
- So the men of the city said to Joash; Bring your son out that he may die, because he has pulled down the altar of Baal, and because he has cut down the sacred pole that was by it. (**Judges 6:30**)
- At this Joash said to all those who stood against him; Will you be the ones to make a legal defense for Baal to see whether you yourselves may save him? Whoever makes a legal defense for him ought to be put to death even this morning. If he is God, let him make a legal defense for himself, because someone has pulled down his altar. (**Judges 6:31**)
- And he began to call him **Jerubbaal** on that day, saying; Let Baal make a legal defense in his own behalf, because someone has pulled down his altar. (**Judges 6:32**)
- **Gideon** is called **Jerubbesheth** at;
- Who was it that struck down Abimelech the son of **Jerubbesheth**? Was it not a woman that pitched an upper millstone upon him from on top of the wall so that he died at Thebez? Why did you men have to go so close to the wall? You must also say; Your servant Uriah the Hittite died too. (**2 Samuel 11:21**)

**See Also GIDEON**