

## ~JERUBBESHETH (38)

(Je-rub'be-sheth) [Let the Shameful Thing Make a Legal Defense Or Contend]

- The name of Judge **Gideon** found at;
- And it came about at the time of evening that David proceeded to rise from his bed and walk about on the rooftop of the king's house, and from the rooftop he caught sight of a woman bathing herself, and the woman was very good in appearance. (2 Samuel 11:2)
- Evidently this is a form of **Jerubbaal**, the name given to **Gideon** by his father Joash when **Gideon** pulled down the altar of Baal.
- 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)
- Some scholars believe that the writer of Second Samuel replaced *ba'`al* with the Hebrew word for **shame**, *bo'sheth* in order not to use the name of the false god Baal as part of a proper name.

See Also **GIDEON**