

Most Unlikely Pt. 1  
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*Then the sons of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD gave them into the hands of Midian seven years.*

*<sup>2</sup> The power of Midian prevailed against Israel. Because of Midian the sons of Israel made for themselves the dens which were in the mountains and the caves and the strongholds.*

Judges 6:1-2 (NASB)

*Now Abraham took another wife, whose name was Keturah. <sup>2</sup> She bore to him Zimran and Jokshan and Medan and Midian and Ishbak and Shuah.*

Genesis 25:1-2 (NASB)

*The sons of Israel captured the women of Midian and their little ones; and all their cattle and all their flocks and all their goods they plundered.*

Numbers 31:9 (NASB)

*For it was when Israel had sown, that the Midianites would come up with the Amalekites and the sons of the east and go against them. <sup>4</sup> So they would camp against them and destroy the produce of the earth as far as Gaza, and leave no sustenance in Israel as well as no sheep, ox, or donkey. <sup>5</sup> For they would come up with their livestock and their tents, they would come in like locusts for number, both they and their camels were innumerable; and they came into the land to devastate it. <sup>6</sup> So Israel was brought very low because of Midian, and the sons of Israel cried to the LORD.*

Judges 6:3-6 (NASB)

*Now it came about when the sons of Israel cried to the LORD on account of Midian, <sup>8</sup> that the LORD sent a prophet to the sons of Israel, and he said to them, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'It was I who brought you up from Egypt and brought you out from the house of slavery.*

Judges 6:7-8 (NASB)

*The angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him, "The LORD is with you, O valiant warrior." <sup>13</sup> Then 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 abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian." <sup>14</sup> The LORD looked at him and said, "Go in this your strength and deliver Israel from the hand of Midian. Have I not sent you?"*

Judges 6:12-14 (NASB)

*He said to Him, "O Lord, how shall I deliver Israel? Behold, my family is the least in Manasseh, and I am the youngest in my father's house."*

Judges 6:15 (NASB)

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