

Treasure Hunt

Heb 11:32-38

- How are the faithful saints in 11:32 organized?
- What do the the members of each group have in common?
- Ben: What two consequences of faith are described in 11:33-38?
- What is the function of 11:35 in this list?
- Faith: What practical lesson should we draw from these two consequences?
- Michael: What is “better” about the resurrection in 11:35b than that in 11:35a?
- Nate, Elijah: Give two examples of people who “out of weakness were made strong” (11:34).
- Caitlin: What two lessons do these examples show us?
- Explain why some “escaped the edge of the sword” (34) while others “were slain with the sword” (37).

Structural Context

11:1-40, Examples of Promise & Faith in the OT

1-3, Characterization

- 1, Its function
- 2, Its focus μαρτυρέω
- 3, Its precedent

4-38, Examples

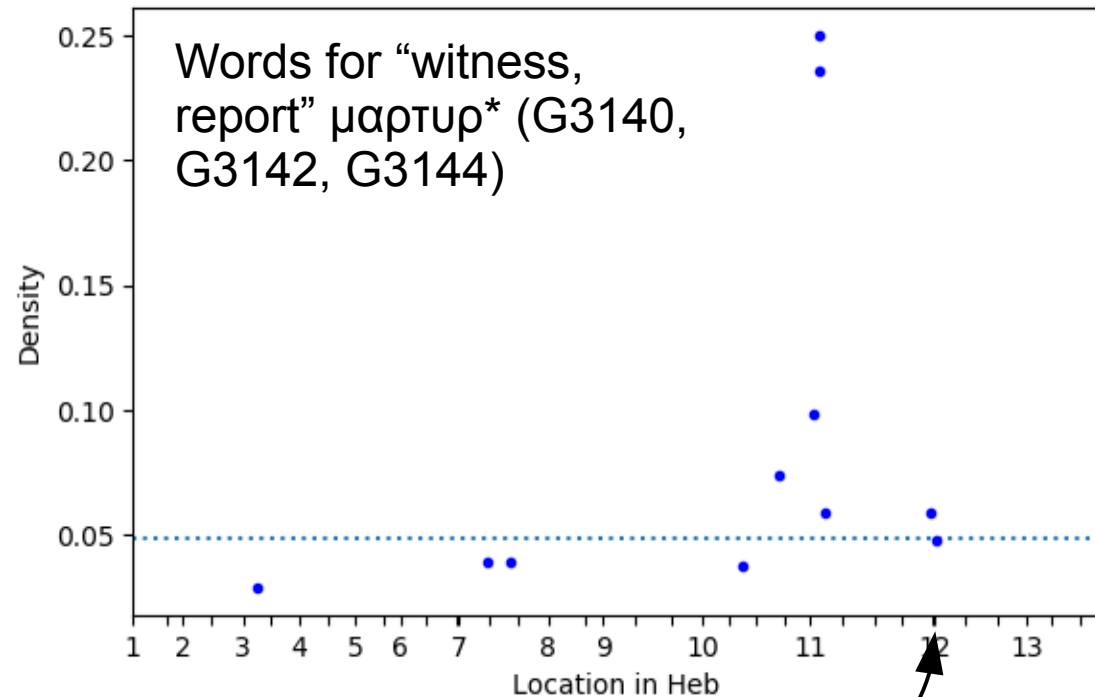
4-31, Levels of Faith

- 4-6, Belief in God
- 7-19, Obedience to God
- 20-22, Confession
- 23-31, Accepting rejection

32-38, Consequences of Faith

- 32, More examples
- 33-34, The Victors
- 35, Transition
- 36-38, The Sufferers

39-40, Summary μαρτυρέω



The Cycles of Judges

Sin	Did evil	2:11	3:7	3:12	4:1	6:1	10:6	13:1
	Forsook/served	:12-13	:7				:6	
Servi- tude	Lord angry	:14	:8				:7	
	Spoilers (yrs)	:14-15	:8 Meso- potamia (8)	:12-14 Moab (18)	:2 Canaan (20)	:1-6 Midian (7)	:7-9 Philistines, Ammon (18)	:1 Philistines (40)
Suppli- cation	Cry to Lord	:18	:9	:15	:3	:6	:10	
	Rebuke					:7-10	:11-16	
Savior		:16-19	:9-11 Othniel	:15-30 Ehud	:4-5:31 Deborah (Barak)	:11-8:28 Gideon	:17-12:7 Jephthah	:2-15:19; 16:1-31 Samson
Silence	Land had rest (yrs)		:11 (40)	:30 (80)	:31 (40)	:28 (40)		
	He judged Israel (yrs)						:7 (6)	15:21; 16:30 (20)
Supplements (yrs)				:31 Sham- gar		:29-9:57 Abimelech 10:1,2 Tola (23) :3-5 Jair (22)	:8-10 Ibzan (7) :11-12 Elon (10) :13-15 Abdon (8)	

Refs on 11:32

11:32 Barak

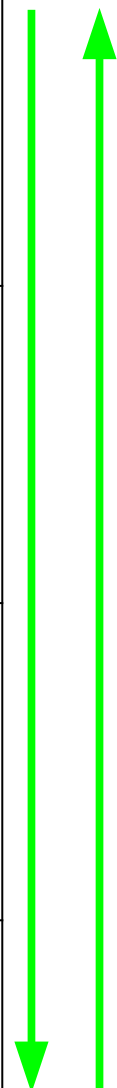
Judg 4:4 And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time. ... 6 And she sent and called Barak the son of Abinoam out of Kedeshnaphtali, and said unto him, Hath not the LORD God of Israel commanded, saying, Go and draw toward mount Tabor, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulun? 7 And I will draw unto thee to the river Kishon Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude; and I will deliver him into thine hand. 8 And Barak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go: but if thou wilt not go with me, then I will not go.

11:32 Jephthah

Judg 11:1 Now Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty man of valour, and he was the son of an harlot: and Gilead begat Jephthah. 2 And Gilead's wife bare him sons; and his wife's sons grew up, and they thrust out Jephthah, and said unto him, Thou shalt not inherit in our father's house; for thou art the son of a strange woman. 3 Then Jephthah fled from his brethren, and dwelt in the land of Tob: ... 5 And it was so, that when the children of Ammon made war against Israel, the elders of Gilead went to fetch Jephthah out of the land of Tob: 6 And they said unto Jephthah, Come, and be our captain, that we may fight with the children of Ammon. ... 9 And Jephthah said unto the elders of Gilead, If ye bring me home again to fight against the children of Ammon, and the LORD deliver them before me, shall I be your head? 10 And the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah, The LORD be witness between us, if we do not so according to thy words. 11 Then Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him head and captain over them: and Jephthah uttered all his words before the LORD in Mizpeh.

Cycles in 11:32-38

11:32	Theme	11:33-38	
Jephthah, David, Samuel	Political rule	33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises,	they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; ... 38 ... they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.
the prophets	Life and death	stopped the mouths of lions, 34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword,	37 They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword:
Gideon, Barak, Samson	Military success	out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.	36 And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:
	(Hinge)	35a Women received their dead raised to life again:	35b and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:



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1 Ki 17:19 And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed. ... 21 And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again. 22 And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and **the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.**

2 Ki 4:32 And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, and laid upon his bed. 33 He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the LORD. 34 And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and he stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm. 35 Then he returned, and walked in the house to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and **the child opened his eyes.**

and others ... a better resurrection

2 Mac 7:20 The mother was especially admirable and worthy of honorable memory. ... 21 She encouraged each of them in the language of their ancestors. Filled with a noble spirit, she reinforced her woman's reasoning with a man's courage, and said to them, 22 "I do not know how you came into being in my womb. It was not I who gave you life and breath, nor I who set in order the elements within each of you. 23 Therefore the Creator of the world, who shaped the beginning of humankind and devised the origin of all things, will in his mercy give life and breath back to you again, since you now forget yourselves for the sake of his laws.

11:33-34 The Victors

11:34 out of weakness were made strong

Jdg 4:8 8 And Barak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go: but if thou wilt not go with me, then I will not go.

Jdg 6:11 And there came an angel of the LORD, and sat under an oak which was in Ophrah, that pertained unto Joash the Abiezrite: and his son Gideon threshed wheat by the winepress, to hide it from the Midianites. 12 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of valour. 13 And Gideon said unto him, Oh my Lord, if the LORD be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where be all his miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt? but now the LORD hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites.



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11:36-38, The Sufferers

11:37 they were stoned ...

2Chr. 24:19 Yet he sent prophets to them, to bring them again unto the LORD; ... 20 And the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, which stood above the people, and said unto them, Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the commandments of the LORD, that ye cannot prosper? because ye have forsaken the LORD, he hath also forsaken you. 21 And they conspired against him, and **stoned him** with stones ...

were slain with the sword

1Ki 19:10 And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and **slain thy prophets with the sword**; ...

Jer 26:20 And there was also a man that prophesied in the name of the LORD, Urijah ... 23 And they fetched forth Urijah out of Egypt, and brought him unto Jehoiakim the king; who **slew him with the sword**, ...

they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins

1Kings 19:13 And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his **mantle** [LXX “goatskin”], and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave.

2Kings 1:8 And they answered him, He was an **hairy** man, and girt with a girdle of leather about his loins. And he said, It is Elijah ...

Matt 3:1 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching **in the wilderness** of Judaea, ... 4 And the same John had his raiment of **camel's hair**, and a leathern girdle about his loins;

38 (Of whom the world was not worthy:)

Prov. 8:11 For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are **not to be compared to it**.

they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

1Kings 17:3 Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself **by the brook** Cherith, that is before Jordan.

1Kings 18:4 For it was so, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty **in a cave**,