

Mighty Man of Valor

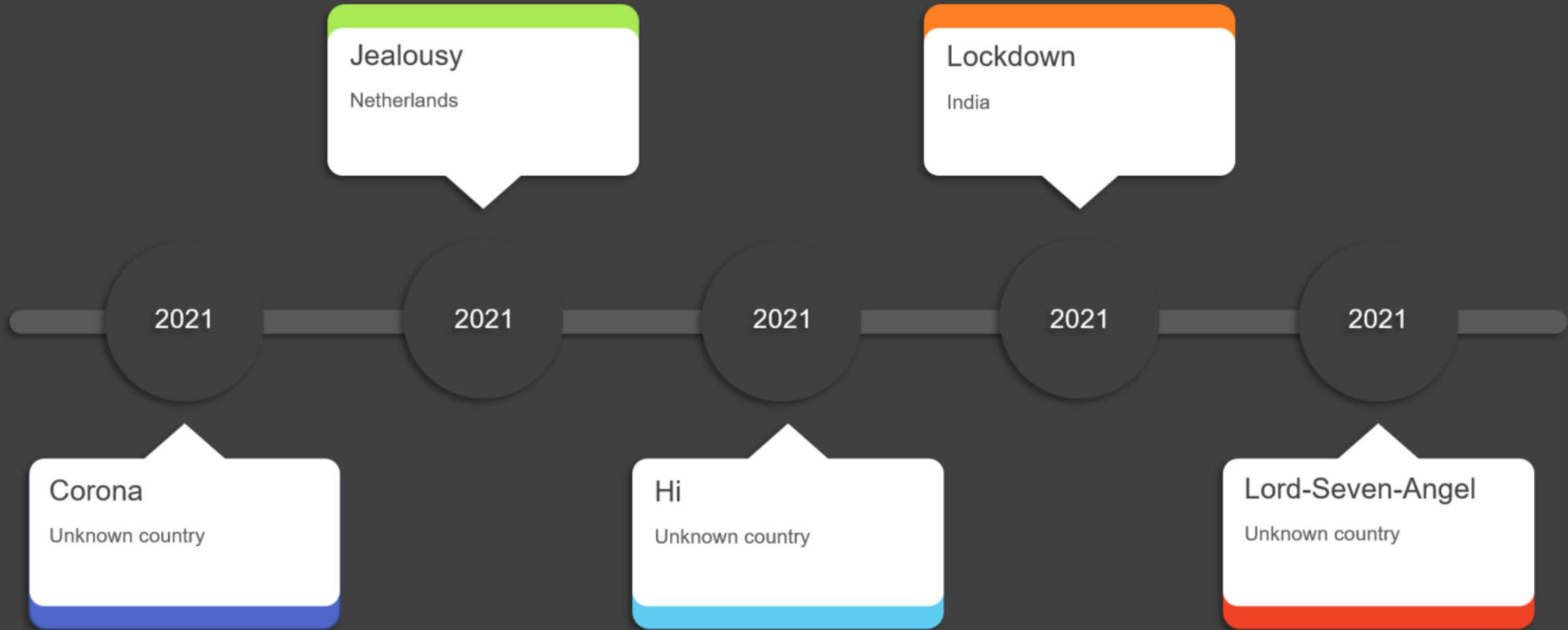
Primary Text: Judges 6:12- “And the angel of the Lord appeared to him and said to him, “The Lord is with you, O mighty man of valor.”

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5 Sampled Weirdest Names in The Netherlands in 2021

Source: <https://www.oudersvannu.nl/zwanger/babynamen/x-ae-a-xii-kom-je-eten-dit-zijn-de-raarste-namen/>



Judges 6:11-12 (ESV)

11 Now the angel of the Lord came and sat under the terebinth at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the winepress to hide it from the Midianites. .

12 And the angel of the Lord appeared to him and said to him, “The Lord is with you, **O mighty man of valor.**”



Practical Meanings To be A Mighty Men/Women of Valor

Spiritually

- Divine Empowerment For Spiritual Exploits.

Physical

- Divine empowerment to defy odds and change narratives based on established worldly systems.

Miracles

- Recipients & instruments of the miraculous move of God in our surrounding.

Judges 6:13-14 (ESV)

13 And Gideon said to him, “Please, my lord, if the Lord is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all his wonderful deeds that our fathers recounted to us, saying, ‘Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt?’ But now the Lord has forsaken us and given us into the hand of Midian.

14 And the Lord[a] turned to him and said,
“Go in this might of yours and save Israel
from the hand of Midian; do not I send
you?”

15 And he said to him, “Please, Lord, how can I save Israel? Behold, my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house.”

16 And the Lord said to him, “But I will be with you, and you shall strike the Midianites as one man.”

Faith → Trust → Obey

3 Important Life Postures Gideon Needed to Change (Judges 6 & 7).

1

Confidence in others

2

Confidence in his
capabilities

3

Listen & Act as God
directs

Judges 6:28-32

28 When the men of the town rose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was broken down, and the Asherah beside it was cut down, and the second bull was offered on the altar that had been built.

29 And they said to one another, “Who has done this thing?” And after they had searched and inquired, they said, “Gideon the son of Joash has done this thing.”

30 Then the men of the town said to Joash, “Bring out your son, that he may die, for he has broken down the altar of Baal and cut down the Asherah beside it.”

31 But Joash said to all who stood against him, “Will you contend for Baal? Or will you save him? Whoever contends for him shall be put to death by morning. If he is a god, let him contend for himself, because his altar has been broken down.”

32 Therefore on that day Gideon[a] was called Jerubbaal, that is to say, “Let Baal contend against him,” because he broke down his altar.

Danger: A life of disappointments as no man,
institutions or gods are all-sufficient.

Judges 7:2-3, 5-7

2 The LORD said to Gideon, “The people with you are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hand, lest Israel boast over me, saying, ‘My own hand has saved me.’

3 Now therefore proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, 'Whoever is fearful and trembling, let him return home and hurry away from Mount Gilead.'" Then 22,000 of the people returned, and 10,000 remained.

5 So he brought the people down to the water. And the LORD said to Gideon, “Everyone who laps the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, you shall set by himself. Likewise, everyone who kneels to drink.”

6 And the number of those who lapped, putting their hands to their mouths, was 300 men, but all the rest of the people knelt down to drink water.

7 And the LORD said to Gideon, "With the 300 men who lapped I will save you and give the Midianites into your hand and let all the others go every man to his home."

Dangers:

1. Self-glorification leading to pride after any major achievement in life.
2. Missing out on the greater things God would want/can use us for.



Judges 7: 13-15

13 When Gideon came, behold, a man was telling a dream to his comrade. And he said, "Behold, I dreamed a dream, and behold, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the camp of Midian and came to the tent and struck it so that it fell and turned it upside down, so that the tent lay flat

14 And his comrade answered, "This is no other than the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel; God has given into his hand Midian and all the camp

15 As soon as Gideon heard the telling of the dream and its interpretation, he worshiped. And he returned to the camp of Israel and said, "Arise, for the Lord has given the host of Midian into your hand."

Danger: We will be running after/doing things that God is not in it and the end of it is always failure.

Faith in God is the bedrock/foundation to see the manifestations of God in our lives.

Hebrews 11:6

6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Luke 8:43-48

43 And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and though she had spent all her living on physicians,[a] she could not be healed by anyone.

44 She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, and immediately her discharge of blood ceased.

45 And Jesus said, “Who was it that touched me?” When all denied it, Peter[b] said, “Master, the crowds surround you and are pressing in on you!”

46 But Jesus said, "Someone touched me,
for I perceive that power has gone out
from me."

47 And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed.

48 And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace."

Conclusion:

We are mighty men/women of valor in the sight of God.

He is calling us to a place of great faith in Him to become instruments of His glory to the world.

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