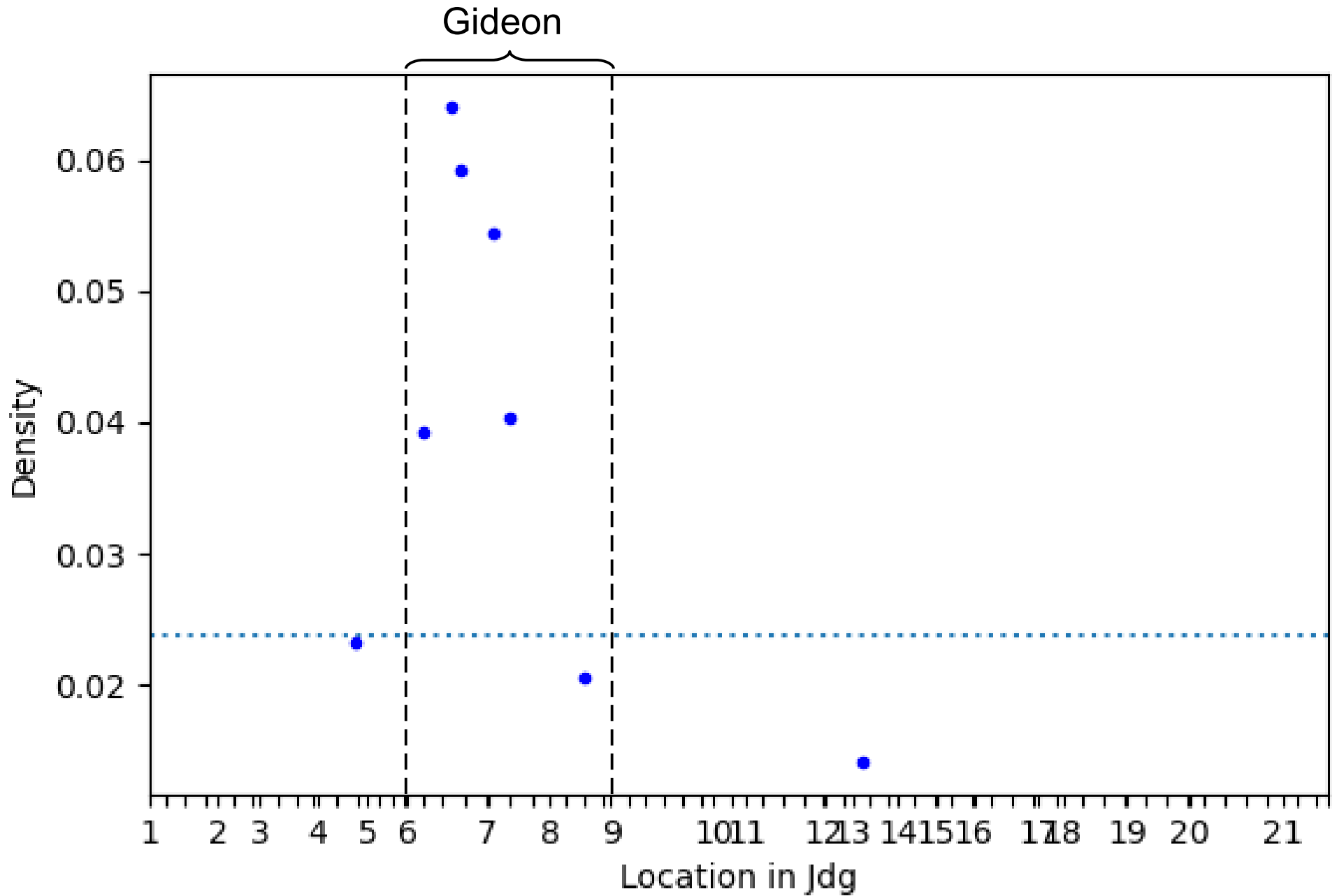


Fear H3372, H3373 in Judges



6:24, An Altar named Jehovah-Peace

Another Named Altar:

Gen 33:20 And [Jacob] erected there an altar, and **called it El-elohe-Israel** [God, the God of Israel].

Patriarchal Precedents:

Gen 12:8 And [Abraham] removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, ... and there he builded an altar unto the LORD, and **called upon the name of the LORD**.

Gen 26:25 And [Isaac] builded an altar there [at Beersheba], and **called upon the name of the LORD**, and pitched his tent there:

“God, the God of Israel”:

Gen 32:28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but **Israel**: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

Peace among men:

Jdg 6:12 The Lord is with thee

Jdg 6:13 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.

Jdg 6:16 And the LORD said unto him, Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man.

Peace with God:

Jdg 6:22 And when Gideon perceived that he was an angel of the LORD, Gideon said, Alas, O Lord GOD! for because I have seen an angel of the LORD face to face.

Jdg 6:23 And the LORD said unto him, **Peace שלום** be unto thee; fear not: thou shalt not die.

How Many Altars?

Gen 12:1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

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11a, **Ophrah ... the Abiezrite**

11b-23, Call Narrative

- 11-12, Confrontation
- 23-24, Introductory Word
- 14, Commission
- 15, Objection
- 16, Reassurance
- 17-23, Sign

24a, Gideon **built an altar ...**

24b, **Ophrah of the Abiezrites**

6:25-32, Internal Revival

25-26, Command:

- 25, Tear down Baal's altar
- 26, **Build altar** to the Lord

27, Obedience: "as the Lord had said"

28-29, Discovery

- Baal's altar destroyed
- **New altar** with offering

30-32, Defense

The Law of Sacrifice:

Deut 12:10 But when ye go over Jordan, and dwell in the land which the LORD your God giveth you to inherit, and when he giveth you rest from all your enemies round about, so that ye dwell in safety; 11 Then there shall be a place which the LORD your God shall choose to cause his name to dwell there; thither shall ye bring all that I command you; your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the heave offering of your hand, and all your choice vows which ye vow unto the LORD: ... 13 Take heed to thyself that thou offer not thy burnt offerings in every place that thou seest: 14 But in the place which the LORD shall choose in one of thy tribes, there thou shalt offer thy burnt offerings, and there thou shalt do all that I command thee.

Where was the tabernacle?

Josh. 18:1 And the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of the congregation there.

Samuel's Altars (all 1 Sam): **Many Altars**

[At Mizpeh:] 7:9 And Samuel took a sucking lamb, and **offered it for a burnt offering** wholly unto the LORD: and Samuel cried unto the LORD for Israel; and the LORD heard him.

[At Ramah:] 7:17 And his return was to Ramah; for there was his house; and there he judged Israel; and there he built an **altar** unto the LORD.

[Instructions to Saul:] 10:8 And thou shalt go down before me to Gilgal; and, behold, I will come down unto thee, **to offer burnt offerings, and to sacrifice sacrifices of peace offerings:**

[Somewhere SW of Bethlehem, 10:2:] 9:13 for the people will not eat until he come, because he doth bless **the sacrifice**;

[to Bethlehem to anoint David:] 1Sam. 16:2 Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come **to sacrifice** to the LORD.

A prophecy for our day:

Mal. 1:11 For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and **in every place** incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts.

Anticipating Elijah

	Judges 6, Gideon	1 Kings 18, Elijah
Saturated sacrifice	20 And the angel of God said unto him, Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes, and lay them upon this rock, and pour out the broth.	33 And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid him on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood.
Fire from heaven	21 Then the angel of the LORD put forth the end of the staff that was in his hand, and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and there rose up fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes.	38 Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.
If Baal is a god ...	31 And Joash said unto all that stood against him, Will ye plead for Baal? will ye save him? he that will plead for him, let him be put to death whilst it is yet morning: if he be a god, let him plead for himself, because one hath cast down his altar.	24 And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken.

Geography of Gideon

Num. 14:22 Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have **tempted** me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice; 23 Surely they shall not see the land which I swear unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it:



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