

## Judges 9-12 - Lesson 10 - Abimelech and Jephthah

Abimelech - 9:1-6	Jotham's Parable - 9:7-21	Chapter 10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Abimelech - My father is king</li> <li>- Gideon - passes his attitude on to his son</li> <li>- Makes himself king (2)</li> <li>- Evil dictator who killed his own brothers</li> <li>- Jotham escapes</li> <li>- Abimelech is crowned as king</li> </ul> <p>People would soon demand a king I Sam 8:4-22; 10:17-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- they desired a king like all the nations had</li> <li>- They rejected God as their king</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Trees wanted a king</li> <li>- Olive tree - can't leave it's fruit by which God and man are honored</li> <li>- Fig tree - can't leave its sweetness and good fruit</li> <li>- Grape vine - can't leave my new wine which cheers God and man</li> <li>- Bramble - wasn't doing anything, not productive - come use my shade, I will be king or I will burn it all down</li> </ul> <p>Trees = men of Shechem Bramble = Abimelech</p> <p>If you have treated Gideon's house well - rejoice If not Abimelech will destroy you and you will destroy Abimelech</p> <p>Abimelech destroy Shechem and Shechem destroyed Abimelech (45-57)</p> <p>Abimelech did what was right in his own eyes - made himself king Gideon did what was right in his own eyes - made himself priest (king)</p>	<p>1-5 - Tola (#H8439)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tola = worm that springs rom purification</li> <li>- Son of Puah, son of Dodo</li> <li>- Issachar</li> <li>- Arose to save Israel</li> <li>- Lived in hill country of Ephraim</li> <li>- Judged 23 years</li> <li>- I Chron 7:1-5 (Gen 46:13) - mighty men of valor</li> </ul> <p>Jair - #H2971</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jair = he enlightens</li> <li>- Gileadite - Num 32:41 - Manasseh</li> <li>- Judged for 22 years</li> <li>- He is on the wrong side of the river</li> <li>- 30 sons, 30 donkeys, 30 cities - in the land of Gilead</li> <li>- Man of influence, power, money</li> </ul> <p>6-18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- forsake God and serve other gods</li> <li>- God raised up Philistines &amp; Ammon - 18 years</li> <li>- God tells them to cry out to their chosen gods</li> </ul> <p><b>Repented</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- confessed their sin</li> <li>- Forsake the sin</li> <li>- Served the Lord (I Thes 1:9)</li> </ul>

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Jephthah (11-12)	Vows
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Valiant warrior and the son of a harlot (1)</li> <li>- Brothers drove him out (2)</li> <li>- Worthless men gathered with him (3)</li> <li>- He was put in position as head of Gilead (11)</li> <li>- Tries to reason with the king of Ammon (12)</li> <li>- History lesson (15-26)</li> <li>- Spirit of the Lord comes upon him (29)</li> <li>- He makes an unnecessary vow - manipulate God (30-40)</li> <li>- If we win - then I will offer (31)</li> <li>- Burnt offerings - made by the priests for atonement (Lev 1:3-9)</li> <li>- No place for human sacrifice (Dt 18:10)</li> <li>- Vows could be redeemed (Lev 27)</li> <li>- He did according to what he vowed (39) - vs 35 "Alas" - he cannot take his vow back</li> </ul> <p>Jephthah did what was right in his own eyes - did not understand God's Word nor His character</p> <p>Lessons for Today:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ro 5:1 - we have peace in God - now we live in obedience - put our swords away and surrender to His will</li> <li>- Ro 12:18 - if possible - be at peace with all men - fighting within the body of Christ is wrong - war was won on the cross</li> <li>- Eph 4:1-3 - be diligent to preserve the unity in peace (doesn't call us to produce unity)</li> </ul>	<p>Gen 28:20-22; 31:13</p> <p>Num 30 - bound by the vows we make</p> <p>Lev 22:17-25 - vows were sealed with an offering</p> <p>Ecc 5:1-7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- don't be hasty in word or impulsive in thought but bring the matter before the Lord</li> <li>- Let your words be few (fools use many words)</li> <li>- Don't be late in paying a vow</li> </ul> <p>Ps 15:2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- walks in integrity</li> <li>- Works righteousness</li> <li>- Speaks truth in his heart</li> </ul> <p>Lev 27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- valuation of vows for people (1-8)</li> <li>- Houses (14-15)</li> <li>- Field (16-25)</li> <li>- Can't redeem clean animals but you can unclean animals (26-27)</li> </ul> <p>Mt 5:33-37 (James 5:12)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- don't make false vows</li> <li>- Let your yes be yes and your no be no</li> </ul> <p>Importance of words that we speak!</p>