

## Judges 9-10 - Abimelech, Tola, Jair

Abimelech (9:1-6; 22-57)	Jotham's Parable (9:7-21)	Next Judges (10)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Abimelech - "my father the king"</li> <li>- Dad's attitude was passed on to the son</li> <li>- Made himself king (2, 6)</li> <li>- Evil - killed his 70 brothers - grabbed a position through murder (4-5)</li> <li>- Jotham escaped (5)</li> <li>- Abimelech is crowned king</li> </ul> <p>22-57</p> <p>End of Abimelech</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- evil spirit came between Abimelech and the men of Shechem (23-24)</li> <li>- Abimelech burned Shechem - sowed it with salt (45)</li> <li>- The city that Abimelech turned to next killed Abimelech (52-57)</li> </ul> <p>Abimelech did what was right in his own eyes - made himself king Gideon did what was right in his own eyes - made himself a priest</p> <p>Israel was designed to be a theocracy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- God was their king</li> </ul> <p>The people wanted a monarchy - absolute power (human) over them</p> <p>The people rejected God as king I Sam 8:4-22; 10:17-19</p>	<p>Trees wanted a king</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- looked within themselves for someone to rule over them</li> <li>- Olive tree - it wouldn't leave its purpose to rule over them</li> <li>- Fig tree - wouldn't leave its purpose</li> <li>- Grape Vine - I can't leave</li> <li>- Bramble (rough, tangled, prickly shrub - thorn bush - inferior, unsuitable)</li> </ul> <p>Trees = men of Shechem Bramble = Abimelech - they are going to choose him to be king</p> <p>Jotham</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- if you have dealt rightly with Gideon's house - rejoice</li> <li>- If you have dealt wickedly - then you will consume Abimelech and he will consume you (16-20)</li> </ul>	<p>1-2 - Tola</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- son of Puah, so of Dodo</li> <li>- From Issachar</li> <li>- Arose to save Israel</li> <li>- Lived in the hill country of Ephraim</li> <li>- Judged for 23 years</li> <li>- Tola = #H8439 - "worm" especially one that springs up from putrefaction</li> <li>- Gen 46:13 - forefather of the judge Tola</li> <li>- I Chron 7:1-5 - mighty men of valor</li> <li>-</li> </ul> <p>3-5 - Jair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gileadite</li> <li>- Judged Israel for 22 years</li> <li>- 30 sons, 30 donkeys, 30 cities</li> <li>- Influential and wealthy</li> <li>- Jair = #H2971 - the enlightener - one who gives light</li> <li>- Nu 32:41 - same family - Manasseh - they had towns called Havvoth-jair</li> <li>- Dt 3:14; Josh13:30; I Kings 4:13; I Chron 2:22-23</li> <li>-</li> </ul> <p>6-18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- forsook the Lord and served other gods</li> <li>- Oppressed for 18 years</li> <li>- Cried out to God</li> <li>- Go cry to your other gods</li> </ul> <p>Steps to Repentance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- confess - call sin sin (didn't justify)</li> <li>- Forsook their sin (16)</li> <li>- Served God (16) - I Thes 1:9</li> <li>- Turned to God for their life</li> <li>- It is not what you turn away from that is important but WHO you have turned to</li> </ul>