

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

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Jephthah (11-12)	Vows
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Valiant warrior and the son of a harlot (1)- Brothers drove him out (2)- Worthless men gathered with him (3)- He was put in position as head of Gilead (11)- Tries to reason with the king of Ammon (12)- History lesson (15-26)- Spirit of the Lord comes upon him (29)- He makes an unnecessary vow - manipulate God (30-40)- If we win - then I will offer (31)- Burnt offerings - made by the priests for atonement (Lev 1:3-9)- No place for human sacrifice (Dt 18:10)- Vows could be redeemed (Lev 27)- He did according to what he vowed (39) - vs 35 "Alas" - he cannot take his vow back <p>Jephthah did what was right in his own eyes - did not understand God's Word nor His character</p>	