

## Judges 9

1. Who was Abimelech?
  - a. What further information is given about him in verse 18?
  
2. What proposal did Abimelech make to the men of Shechem?
  - a. What did the men of Shechem decide?
  - b. What type of men did Abimelech get to follow him?
  - c. What did Abimelech do to all but one of his brothers?
  - d. According to verse 24, who “aided” him in this treachery?
  
3. In verses 7-21, Jotham makes a speech in which he personifies trees and plants to make his point. What message and warning was Jotham giving in this speech?
  - a. What would be the consequences if the people had made the wrong choice? (see verses 20 and 7)
  
4. What “spirit” did God send that affected the Shechemites’ attitude towards Abimelech?

5. To whom did some of the Shechemites turn for leadership after rejecting Abimelech?
  - a. Zebul, the ruler of Shechem, remained true to Abimelech. How did he attempt to deceive Gaal when Abimelech's army began to descend from the hills?
  - b. Verse 38 contains what humorous question by Zebul? (relates to Gaal's former claims)
6. What happened to Gaal and his brothers?
7. What did Abimelech do to the city of Shechem?
8. What did Abimelech do to the Berith temple (tower, Mt. Zalmon) at Shechem? How many died there?
9. What did Abimelech do to the stronghold tower at Shechem?
10. Abimelech then went to the tower at Thebez, where his opponents had fled. What did he intend to also do to that tower?
  - a. While at the base of the tower, what happened to him?
  - b. What concern did he have about dying?