

"Historical Books Of The Bible"

Judges 9:1-57

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Judges 9:1-6

Hebrew title Judges – "rulers, deliverers, or saviors"; "Liberating and delivering."

God raised up 12 Men and 1 Woman, which were called Judges.

Theme – "No King"; Basic lesson: Obedience brings God's blessing; Disobedience brings God's discipline!

Judges 8 The final chapter in Gideon's life. (5th Judge Of Israel)

Judges 6-8

Judges 8:23

Judges 8:27

Though he refused the kingship, he began living a kingly lifestyle

Judges 8:34-35

1. Verses 1-6 – Self-Exaltation

2. Verses 7-21 – Divine-Exposure

3. Verses 22-57 – Divine-Retribution

1. Verses 1-6 – Self-Exaltation:

Judges 9: 1

Judges 8: 32-34

The 5th Cycle Of Sin: Judges centers around 7 cycles of oppression and deliverance.

Judges 8: 35

The 6th Judge Of Israel Abimelech: (Only Self-Appointed Judge)

Abimelech – means "my father is king" (Fathers genes but not his name)

Jacob's Well (Genesis 33:18-19; 34:2), and the tomb of Joseph (Joshua 24:32)

Judges 9:2

The Oppression Does Not Come From Foreign Power, But Israel's Own Ranks.

Judges 9:3

Principle: When We Reject The True King, We Settle For Another!

Judges 9:4

"Baal-berith" – "Baal of the covenant"; Covenant with the Devil

Judges 9:5

"You shall not murder" (Ex. 20:13)

Judges 9:6

Romans 6:13

Romans 6:16-19

Galatians 5:16-17

2. Verses 7-21 – Divine-Exposure:

Judges 9:7

Coronation Crasher: "and lifted his voice and called out."

Verses 8-15 – The Parable Of Pride: This is the first parable recorded in Scripture. "Parable of the Ewe Lamb" (2 Sam. 12:1-4), the parable by the woman of Tekoa (2 Sam. 14:5-20), the Parable of the Thistle (2 Kings 14:8-14), and the Parable of the Vineyard (Isa. 5:1-7)

Verses 8-9 – The Olive Tree

Verses 10-11 – The Fig Tree

Verses 12-13 – The Vine

Verses 14-15 – Bramble Bush

"The bramble," – (Buck Thorn) a thorn bush that was a useless nuisance in the land, good only for fuel for the fire. This, of course, was a symbol of Abimelech, the new king.

Abimelech was worthless, he could not provide protection shade! He was actually dangerous! Combustible!

Judges 9: 16

Abimelech considered himself to be a stately tree of great value, but Jotham said he was nothing but a useless weed.

2 Peter 2: 19

Judges 9: 17-18

Jotham's Prediction: Judges 9: 19-21

3. Verses 22-57 – Divine-Retribution:

Judges 9: 22-23

Job 1-2 – Satan had no authority over Job apart from God's permission.

"What Goes Around Comes Around!" Hosea 8: 7

Judges 9: 24

It's one thing to acquire a throne and quite something else to defend and retain it.

Verses 25-33 – The Boasting Of Gaal

Verses 34-41 – Defeat Of Gaal

Verses 42-49 – Defeat Of The City And Rulers

Verses 50-57 – Losing The Kingdom

Hebrews 10: 30-31

Matt 10: 28

Application:

1. When We Reject The True King, We Settle For Another.
2. Galatians 5:16 – “walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.”
3. Galatians 6:7 – “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.”