

April 2/Day 92

Judges 8

Verses 1-3

- How did the tribe of Ephraim feel about Gideon going up without them?

Verses 4-9

- Why wouldn't the men of Succoth or Penuel give bread as Gideon had requested?

Verses 10-12

- At what point did Gideon attack the camp?

Verses 13-16

- Did Gideon keep his word to the men of Succoth and Penuel?

Verses 18-21

- What kinds of ornaments (necklaces) were on the camel's necks?

Verses 22-27

- What did the men of Israel want Gideon to do?
- What was his reply?
- Israel wanted a king like the nations around them. They wanted a Monarchy. But, Israel was supposed to be a Theocracy, with the LORD reigning as king.
- What did the Ishmaelites give Gideon along with the crescent ornaments?
- What did Gideon make? Where did he place it? Was this part of God's instructions about the ephod and where the men were supposed to worship the LORD?
- What did the men do with this item in Ophrah? How did this later affect the house of Gideon?

Verse 28

- How long did the land find rest after Gideon defeated Midian?

Verses 29-32

- Remember, Jerubbaal is another name for Gideon.
- After he had served as judge, where did he go?

- How many sons did Gideon have?
- What happened to Gideon when he got old?

Verses 33-35

- What did the people do again once Gideon died?
- Who did they forget?
- To whom were they unkind?

Judges 9

Verses 1-6

- Abimelech was Gideon's son by a concubine. Many of the men in the Old Testament had multiple wives and concubines. This was the custom of the nations around them, but was not the will of God. According to Genesis, God's plan was one man and one woman for a lifetime.
- What was Abimelech's scheme?
- What did he do to his brothers? How many were there?
- How many survived? How?
- What did the men of Shechem do with Abimelech?
- Abimelech usurped this power, but this was not God's plan.

Verses 7-15

- Jotham was the youngest of Gideon's sons, the one who survived.
- What do you think his story means?
- Can a person find shade under bramble?

Verses 16-21

- Jotham is still speaking. Remember, Jerubbaal is Gideon.
- What did Jotham do after he spoke his peace?

Verses 22-25

- How long did Abimelech rule over Israel?
- Who sent an evil spirit? Remember, God is sovereign over all. The demons can't even touch us without His permission or His instruction. We saw this in Job.
- Who set an ambush for Abimelech?

Verses 26-29

- What does it seem like Gaal has in mind?

Verses 30-33

- What did Zebul tell Abimelech by secret message?

Verses 34-41

- Who ended up getting driven out?

Verses 42-45

- What did Abimelech do to the city and the people who came out to fight against him?

Verses 46-49

- How did Abimelech attack those hidden in the inner chamber of the tower? Note, there were towers in the beginning.

Verses 50-57

- What kind of a tower was found in Thebez?
- What happened when Abimelech tried to capture this tower like he did the last?
- Millstones were extremely heavy. It's doubtful the woman actually picked up the millstone and threw it, but more than likely just pushed it over the edge of the roof.
- Abimelech was wounded but not dead. What did he say to his armor bearer and why?
- Were Gideon's seventy sons avenged by Abimelech's death?
- What came upon the men of Shechem?

See you tomorrow.