

“GRABBING FOR POWER” JUDGES 9

INTRODUCTION — READ 1-22

A. SINFUL SON SEIZES THRONE

1. ABIMELECH, SON OF GIDEON

◊ WM SHAKESPEARE LINE, FROM SPEECH MADE BY MARK ANTONY
FOLLOWING JULIUS CAESAR'S DEATH: "THE EVIL THAT MEN DO LIVES
AFTER THEM; THE GOOD IS OFT INTERRED WITH THEIR BONES."

2. ABIMELECH, MANIPULATOR AND MURDERER

3. ABIMELECH, ABOMINATION AT OAK OF SHECHEM

B. SOLE SURVIVOR SPEAKS THE TRUTH

1. JOTHAM, YOUNGEST SON OF GIDEON

2. JOTHAM'S FABLE & CURSE

3. JOTHAM'S THEME: NO TRUTH OR INTEGRITY

C. STRONG TOWERS NO SAFETY FROM GOD'S JUDGMENT

1. GOD SEES AND SENDS HIS JUDGMENT V.23

2. GAAL LIGHTS A FIRE WITH HIS WORDS

3. ABIMELECH'S FIRE AGAINST SHECHEM

4. GOD 'STONES' ABIMELECH! V.53

APPLICATIONS

- MANY ARE THE SINS OF GODLESS AMBITION!
- GOD IS NOT MOCKED; WICKEDNESS HAS A PRICE!
- GOOD NEWS: THERE IS A REDEEMER!
- GOD IS A STRONG TOWER! — PROVERBS 18:10

✠ AMEN ✠