

# Questions for Judges 9:1-57

1. What were the crimes of Abimelech that led to him being king? Why would the men of Shechem still make him king when he is obviously wicked? (Verses 1-6)

2. Who was Jotham? What is the meaning of Jotham's parable and curse? Were Jotham's words inspired? (Verses 7-21)

3. How did God initiate His justice against Abimelech? What were the men of Shechem doing against Abimelech? Who is Gaal and why would he be interested in this situation? (Verses 22-29)

4. How did Abimelech defeat the forces of Gaal and the men of Shechem? Who actually ran Gaal out of town? (Verses 30-41)

5. What motivations might Abimelech have had to commit these heinous deeds? Why are such deeds recorded in scripture? (Verses 42-49)

6. How did Abimelech die? How was God's judgement fulfilled towards both Abimelech and the men of Shechem in the events? Why does God use wicked people who use wicked methods to accomplish His righteous will? (Verses 50-57)