



Judges:

Coulda

Shoulda

But Didn't

# Judges 9:22-57





Thus Good  
Repaid

# Judges 9:22-25

Abimelech requested &  
received help from  
Shechem to pay for  
mercenaries to help him  
kill his 70 half-brothers.



For 3 years, Shechem got to experience what they wanted & after 3 years, God sent an evil spirit (basically God allowed Satan permission to attack them)



The men of Shechem  
wanted Abimelech  
out of the picture (dead)  
& the men of Shechem  
vocalized their displeasure  
to Gaal



# Judges 9:26-29

Gaal inserts himself into  
this strife between the men  
of Shechem & Abimelech



This “new protector”  
made it so the people of  
Shechem were NOT  
afraid of what Abimelech  
might do in retaliation

Judges 9:30-35



Zebul was the military leader  
over the city of Shechem  
After overhearing what Gaal  
was doing & saying,  
Zebul sent secretive word  
to Abimelech



Judges 9:36-41

Abimelech overpowers

Gaal's army & goes chasing  
after Gaal landing in Arumah

Judges 9:42-45



A day later, Abimelech  
goes & stands at the  
entrance of Shechem



After an ALL day battle,  
Abimelech captures  
Shechem & kills the people  
who plotted against him



A city being sown with salt .  
was a visual illustration that  
communicated a deep desire  
for a city to NEVER again  
become inhabited

Judges 9:46-49



How truly SAD!  
Either thinking their “god”  
would protect them or that  
perhaps Abimelech wouldn’t  
dare attack the temple ...



The leaders of Shechem  
hide themselves in the  
temple's inner chamber



Word gets back to Abimelech  
& he goes & gets a branch  
& uses it to set the temple's  
inner chamber on fire (killing  
about 1,000 men & women)

Judges 9:50-54



It is implied that those  
in Thebez assisted  
Shechem in their rebellion



While Abimelech makes  
his way to the entrance  
of the tower to burn it  
(like they just did at  
Shechem)



A nameless woman threw  
an upper millstone off  
the top of the tower & it  
smashed Abimelech's head.



NOT wanting to die at the hands of a woman (that was a disgraceful way to die), Abimelech calls his armor bearer over to kill him



Judges 9:55-57

SO WHAT?



# GIANT TAKE AWAY:

1) DON'T try to do things on our own ... simply follow God

2) When sin is revealed -  
repent - it's okay

to ask God for help!

