

Old Testament

- Jdg 8:1** Then the men of Ephraim said to him, "What is this that you have done to us, not to call us when you went to fight against Midian?" And they accused him fiercely.
- Jdg 8:2** And he said to them, "What have I done now in comparison with you? Is not the gleaning of the grapes of Ephraim better than the grape harvest of Abiezer?"
- Jdg 8:3** God has given into your hands the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb. What have I been able to do in comparison with you?" Then their anger against him subsided when he said this.
- Jdg 8:4** And Gideon came to the Jordan and crossed over, he and the 300 men who were with him, exhausted yet pursuing.
- Jdg 8:5** So he said to the men of Succoth, "Please give loaves of bread to the people who follow me, for they are exhausted, and I am pursuing after Zebah and Zalmunna, the kings of Midian."
- Jdg 8:6** And the officials of Succoth said, "Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna already in your hand, that we should give bread to your army?"
- Jdg 8:7** So Gideon said, "Well then, when the LORD has given Zebah and Zalmunna into my hand, I will flail your flesh with the thorns of the wilderness and with briers."
- Jdg 8:8** And from there he went up to Penuel, and spoke to them in the same way, and the men of Penuel answered him as the men of Succoth had answered.
- Jdg 8:9** And he said to the men of Penuel, "When I come again in peace, I will break down this tower."
- Jdg 8:10** Now Zebah and Zalmunna were in Karkor with their army, about 15,000 men, all who were left of all the army of the people of the East, for there had fallen 120,000 men who drew the sword.
- Jdg 8:11** And Gideon went up by the way of the tent dwellers east of Nobah and Jogbehah and attacked the army, for the army felt secure.
- Jdg 8:12** And Zebah and Zalmunna fled, and he pursued them and captured the two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna, and he threw all the army into a panic.
- Jdg 8:13** Then Gideon the son of Joash returned from the battle by the ascent of Heres.
- Jdg 8:14** And he captured a young man of Succoth and questioned him. And he wrote down for him the officials and elders of Succoth, seventy-seven men.
- Jdg 8:15** And he came to the men of Succoth and said, "Behold Zebah and Zalmunna, about whom you taunted me, saying, 'Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna already in your hand, that we should give bread to your men who are exhausted?'"
- Jdg 8:16** And he took the elders of the city, and he took thorns of the wilderness and briers and with them taught the men of Succoth a lesson.
- Jdg 8:17** And he broke down the tower of Penuel and killed the men of the city.
- Jdg 8:18** Then he said to Zebah and Zalmunna, "Where are the men whom you killed at Tabor?" They answered, "As you are, so were they. Every one of them resembled the son of a king."
- Jdg 8:19** And he said, "They were my brothers, the sons of my mother. As the LORD lives, if you had saved them alive, I would not kill you."
- Jdg 8:20** So he said to Jether his firstborn, "Rise and kill them!" But the young man did not draw his sword, for he was afraid, because he was still a young man.
- Jdg 8:21** Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, "Rise yourself and fall upon us, for as the man is, so is his strength." And Gideon arose and killed Zebah and Zalmunna, and he took the crescent ornaments that were on the necks of their camels.

**Jdg 8:22** Then the men of Israel said to Gideon, "Rule over us, you and your son and your grandson also, for you have saved us from the hand of Midian."  
**Jdg 8:23** Gideon said to them, "I will not rule over you, and my son will not rule over you; the LORD will rule over you."  
**Jdg 8:24** And Gideon said to them, "Let me make a request of you: every one of you give me the earrings from his spoil." (For they had golden earrings, because they were Ishmaelites.)  
**Jdg 8:25** And they answered, "We will willingly give them." And they spread a cloak, and every man threw in it the earrings of his spoil.  
**Jdg 8:26** And the weight of the golden earrings that he requested was 1,700 shekels of gold, besides the crescent ornaments and the pendants and the purple garments worn by the kings of Midian, and besides the collars that were around the necks of their camels.  
**Jdg 8:27** And Gideon made an ephod of it and put it in his city, in Ophrah. And all Israel whored after it there, and it became a snare to Gideon and to his family.  
**Jdg 8:28** So Midian was subdued before the people of Israel, and they raised their heads no more. And the land had rest forty years in the days of Gideon.  
**Jdg 8:29** Jerubbaal the son of Joash went and lived in his own house.  
**Jdg 8:30** Now Gideon had seventy sons, his own offspring, for he had many wives.  
**Jdg 8:31** And his concubine who was in Shechem also bore him a son, and he called his name Abimelech.  
**Jdg 8:32** And Gideon the son of Joash died in a good old age and was buried in the tomb of Joash his father, at Ophrah of the Abiezrites.  
**Jdg 8:33** As soon as Gideon died, the people of Israel turned again and whored after the Baals and made Baal-berith their god.  
**Jdg 8:34** And the people of Israel did not remember the LORD their God, who had delivered them from the hand of all their enemies on every side,  
**Jdg 8:35** and they did not show steadfast love to the family of Jerubbaal (that is, Gideon) in return for all the good that he had done to Israel.

**Jdg 9:1** Now Abimelech the son of Jerubbaal went to Shechem to his mother's relatives and said to them and to the whole clan of his mother's family,  
**Jdg 9:2** "Say in the ears of all the leaders of Shechem, 'Which is better for you, that all seventy of the sons of Jerubbaal rule over you, or that one rule over you?' Remember also that I am your bone and your flesh."  
**Jdg 9:3** And his mother's relatives spoke all these words on his behalf in the ears of all the leaders of Shechem, and their hearts inclined to follow Abimelech, for they said, "He is our brother."  
**Jdg 9:4** And they gave him seventy pieces of silver out of the house of Baal-berith with which Abimelech hired worthless and reckless fellows, who followed him.  
**Jdg 9:5** And he went to his father's house at Ophrah and killed his brothers the sons of Jerubbaal, seventy men, on one stone. But Jotham the youngest son of Jerubbaal was left, for he hid himself.  
**Jdg 9:6** And all the leaders of Shechem came together, and all Beth-millo, and they went and made Abimelech king, by the oak of the pillar at Shechem.  
**Jdg 9:7** When it was told to Jotham, he went and stood on top of Mount Gerizim and cried aloud and said to them, "Listen to me, you leaders of Shechem, that God may listen to you.  
**Jdg 9:8** The trees once went out to anoint a king over them, and they said to the olive tree, 'Reign over us.'  
**Jdg 9:9** But the olive tree said to them, 'Shall I leave my abundance, by which gods and men are honored, and go hold sway over the trees?'  
**Jdg 9:10** And the trees said to the fig tree, 'You come and reign over us.'

**Jdg 9:11** But the fig tree said to them, 'Shall I leave my sweetness and my good fruit and go hold sway over the trees?'

**Jdg 9:12** And the trees said to the vine, 'You come and reign over us.'

**Jdg 9:13** But the vine said to them, 'Shall I leave my wine that cheers God and men and go hold sway over the trees?'

**Jdg 9:14** Then all the trees said to the bramble, 'You come and reign over us.'

**Jdg 9:15** And the bramble said to the trees, 'If in good faith you are anointing me king over you, then come and take refuge in my shade, but if not, let fire come out of the bramble and devour the cedars of Lebanon.'

**Jdg 9:16** "Now therefore, if you acted in good faith and integrity when you made Abimelech king, and if you have dealt well with Jerubbaal and his house and have done to him as his deeds deserved--

**Jdg 9:17** for my father fought for you and risked his life and delivered you from the hand of Midian,

**Jdg 9:18** and you have risen up against my father's house this day and have killed his sons, seventy men on one stone, and have made Abimelech, the son of his female servant, king over the leaders of Shechem, because he is your relative--

**Jdg 9:19** if you then have acted in good faith and integrity with Jerubbaal and with his house this day, then rejoice in Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in you.

**Jdg 9:20** But if not, let fire come out from Abimelech and devour the leaders of Shechem and Beth-millo; and let fire come out from the leaders of Shechem and from Beth-millo and devour Abimelech."

**Jdg 9:21** And Jotham ran away and fled and went to Beer and lived there, because of Abimelech his brother.

**Jdg 9:22** Abimelech ruled over Israel three years.

**Jdg 9:23** And God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the leaders of Shechem, and the leaders of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech,

**Jdg 9:24** that the violence done to the seventy sons of Jerubbaal might come, and their blood be laid on Abimelech their brother, who killed them, and on the men of Shechem, who strengthened his hands to kill his brothers.

**Jdg 9:25** And the leaders of Shechem put men in ambush against him on the mountaintops, and they robbed all who passed by them along that way. And it was told to Abimelech.

**Jdg 9:26** And Gaal the son of Ebed moved into Shechem with his relatives, and the leaders of Shechem put confidence in him.

**Jdg 9:27** And they went out into the field and gathered the grapes from their vineyards and trod them and held a festival; and they went into the house of their god and ate and drank and reviled Abimelech.

**Jdg 9:28** And Gaal the son of Ebed said, "Who is Abimelech, and who are we of Shechem, that we should serve him? Is he not the son of Jerubbaal, and is not Zebul his officer? Serve the men of Hamor the father of Shechem; but why should we serve him?"

**Jdg 9:29** Would that this people were under my hand! Then I would remove Abimelech. I would say to Abimelech, 'Increase your army, and come out.'"

**Jdg 9:30** When Zebul the ruler of the city heard the words of Gaal the son of Ebed, his anger was kindled.

**Jdg 9:31** And he sent messengers to Abimelech secretly, saying, "Behold, Gaal the son of Ebed and his relatives have come to Shechem, and they are stirring up the city against you.

**Jdg 9:32** Now therefore, go by night, you and the people who are with you, and set an ambush in the field.

**Jdg 9:33** Then in the morning, as soon as the sun is up, rise early and rush upon the city. And when he and the people who are with him come out against you, you may do to them as your hand finds to do."

**Jdg 9:34** So Abimelech and all the men who were with him rose up by night and set an ambush against Shechem in four companies.

**Jdg 9:35** And Gaal the son of Ebed went out and stood in the entrance of the gate of the city, and Abimelech and the people who were with him rose from the ambush.

**Jdg 9:36** And when Gaal saw the people, he said to Zebul, "Look, people are coming down from the mountaintops!" And Zebul said to him, "You mistake the shadow of the mountains for men."

**Jdg 9:37** Gaal spoke again and said, "Look, people are coming down from the center of the land, and one company is coming from the direction of the Diviners' Oak."

**Jdg 9:38** Then Zebul said to him, "Where is your mouth now, you who said, 'Who is Abimelech, that we should serve him?' Are not these the people whom you despised? Go out now and fight with them."

**Jdg 9:39** And Gaal went out at the head of the leaders of Shechem and fought with Abimelech.

**Jdg 9:40** And Abimelech chased him, and he fled before him. And many fell wounded, up to the entrance of the gate.

**Jdg 9:41** And Abimelech lived at Arumah, and Zebul drove out Gaal and his relatives, so that they could not dwell at Shechem.

**Jdg 9:42** On the following day, the people went out into the field, and Abimelech was told.

**Jdg 9:43** He took his people and divided them into three companies and set an ambush in the fields. And he looked and saw the people coming out of the city. So he rose against them and killed them.

**Jdg 9:44** Abimelech and the company that was with him rushed forward and stood at the entrance of the gate of the city, while the two companies rushed upon all who were in the field and killed them.

**Jdg 9:45** And Abimelech fought against the city all that day. He captured the city and killed the people who were in it, and he razed the city and sowed it with salt.

**Jdg 9:46** When all the leaders of the Tower of Shechem heard of it, they entered the stronghold of the house of El-berith.

**Jdg 9:47** Abimelech was told that all the leaders of the Tower of Shechem were gathered together.

**Jdg 9:48** And Abimelech went up to Mount Zalmon, he and all the people who were with him. And Abimelech took an axe in his hand and cut down a bundle of brushwood and took it up and laid it on his shoulder. And he said to the men who were with him, "What you have seen me do, hurry and do as I have done."

**Jdg 9:49** So every one of the people cut down his bundle and following Abimelech put it against the stronghold, and they set the stronghold on fire over them, so that all the people of the Tower of Shechem also died, about 1,000 men and women.

**Jdg 9:50** Then Abimelech went to Thebez and encamped against Thebez and captured it.

**Jdg 9:51** But there was a strong tower within the city, and all the men and women and all the leaders of the city fled to it and shut themselves in, and they went up to the roof of the tower.

**Jdg 9:52** And Abimelech came to the tower and fought against it and drew near to the door of the tower to burn it with fire.

**Jdg 9:53** And a certain woman threw an upper millstone on Abimelech's head and crushed his skull.

**Jdg 9:54** Then he called quickly to the young man his armor-bearer and said to him, "Draw your sword and kill me, lest they say of me, 'A woman killed him.'" And his young man thrust him through, and he died.

**Jdg 9:55** And when the men of Israel saw that Abimelech was dead, everyone departed to his home.

**Jdg 9:56** Thus God returned the evil of Abimelech, which he committed against his father in killing his seventy brothers.

Jdg 9:57 And God also made all the evil of the men of Shechem return on their heads, and upon them came the curse of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal.

### New Testament

- Luk 8:22 One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they set out,
- Luk 8:23 and as they sailed he fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water and were in danger.
- Luk 8:24 And they went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And he awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves, and they ceased, and there was a calm.
- Luk 8:25 He said to them, "Where is your faith?" And they were afraid, and they marveled, saying to one another, "Who then is this, that he commands even winds and water, and they obey him?"
- Luk 8:26 Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee.
- Luk 8:27 When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs.
- Luk 8:28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me."
- Luk 8:29 For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.)
- Luk 8:30 Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him.
- Luk 8:31 And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss.
- Luk 8:32 Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission.
- Luk 8:33 Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.
- Luk 8:34 When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country.
- Luk 8:35 Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid.
- Luk 8:36 And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed.
- Luk 8:37 Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned.
- Luk 8:38 The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying,
- Luk 8:39 "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.
- Luk 8:40 Now when Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him.
- Luk 8:41 And there came a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue. And falling at Jesus' feet, he implored him to come to his house,
- Luk 8:42 for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As Jesus went, the people pressed around him.
- Luk 8:43 And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and though she had spent all her living on physicians, she could not be healed by anyone.

Luk 8:44 She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, and immediately her discharge of blood ceased.

Luk 8:45 And Jesus said, "**Who was it that touched me?**" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds surround you and are pressing in on you!"

Luk 8:46 But Jesus said, "**Someone touched me, for I perceive that power has gone out from me.**"

Luk 8:47 And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed.

Luk 8:48 And he said to her, "**Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.**"

Luk 8:49 While he was still speaking, someone from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more."

Luk 8:50 But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "**Do not fear; only believe, and she will be well.**"

Luk 8:51 And when he came to the house, he allowed no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child.

Luk 8:52 And all were weeping and mourning for her, but he said, "**Do not weep, for she is not dead but sleeping.**"

Luk 8:53 And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead.

Luk 8:54 But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "**Child, arise.**"

Luk 8:55 And her spirit returned, and she got up at once. And he directed that something should be given her to eat.

Luk 8:56 And her parents were amazed, but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.