

Judges 9

Englische King James Version von 1611/1769 mit Strongs



1 And Abimelech^{H40} the son^{H1121} of Jerubbaal^{H3378} went^{H3212} to Shechem^{H7927} unto his mother's^{H517} brethren^{H251}, and communed^{H1696} with them, and with all the family^{H4940} of the house^{H1004} of his mother's^{H517} father^{H1}, saying^{H559}, 2 Speak^{H1696}, I pray you, in the ears^{H241} of all the men^{H1167} of Shechem^{H7927}, Whether is better^{H2896} for you, either that all the sons^{H1121} of Jerubbaal^{H3378}, which are threescore and ten^{H7657} persons^{H376}, reign^{H4910} over you, or that one^{H259} reign^{H4910} over you? remember^{H2142} also that I am your bone^{H6106} and your flesh^{H1320}. 3 And his mother's^{H517} brethren^{H251} spake^{H1696} of him in the ears^{H241} of all the men^{H1167} of Shechem^{H7927} all these words^{H1697}: and their hearts^{H3820} inclined^{H5186} to follow^{H310} Abimelech^{H40}; for they said^{H559}, He is our brother^{H251}. 4 And they gave^{H5414} him threescore and ten^{H7657} pieces of silver^{H3701} out of the house^{H1004} of Baalberith^{H1170}, wherewith Abimelech^{H40} hired^{H7936} vain^{H7386} and light^{H6348} persons^{H582}, which followed^{H3212} him^{H310}. 5 And he went^{H935} unto his father's^{H1} house^{H1004} at Ophrah^{H6084}, and slew^{H2026} his brethren^{H251} the sons^{H1121} of Jerubbaal^{H3378}, being threescore and ten^{H7657} persons^{H376}, upon one^{H259} stone^{H68}: notwithstanding yet Jotham^{H3147} the youngest^{H6996} son^{H1121} of Jerubbaal^{H3378} was left^{H3498}; for he hid^{H2244} himself. 6 And all the men^{H1167} of Shechem^{H7927} gathered together^{H622}, and all the house^{H1004} of Millo^{H4407} H1037, and went^{H3212}, and made^{H4427} Abimelech^{H40} king^{H4428}, by the plain^{H436} of the pillar^{H5324} that was in Shechem^{H7927}. 3

7 And when they told^{H5046} it to Jotham^{H3147}, he went^{H3212} and stood^{H5975} in the top^{H7218} of mount^{H2022} Gerizim^{H1630}, and lifted up^{H5375} his voice^{H6963}, and cried^{H7121}, and said^{H559} unto them, Harken^{H8085} unto me, ye men^{H1167} of Shechem^{H7927}, that God^{H430} may hearken^{H8085} unto you. 8 The trees^{H6086} went forth^{H1980} on a time to anoint^{H4886} a king^{H4428} over them; and they said^{H559} unto the olive tree^{H2132}, Reign^{H4427} thou over us. 9 But the olive tree^{H2132} said^{H559} unto them, Should I leave^{H2308} my fatness^{H1880}, wherewith by me they honour^{H3513} God^{H430} and man^{H582}, and go^{H1980} to be promoted^{H5128} over the trees^{H6086}? 10 And the trees^{H6086} said^{H559} to the fig tree^{H8384}, Come^{H3212} thou, and reign^{H4427} over us. 11 But the fig tree^{H8384} said^{H559} unto them, Should I forsake^{H2308} my sweetness^{H4987}, and my good^{H2896} fruit^{H8570}, and go^{H1980} to be promoted^{H5128} over the trees^{H6086}? 12 Then said^{H559} the trees^{H6086} unto the vine^{H1612}, Come^{H3212} thou, and reign^{H4427} over us. 13 And the vine^{H1612} said^{H559} unto them, Should I leave^{H2308} my wine^{H8492}, which cheereth^{H8055} God^{H430} and man^{H582}, and go^{H1980} to be promoted^{H5128} over the trees^{H6086}? 14 Then said^{H559} all the trees^{H6086} unto the bramble^{H329}, Come^{H3212} thou, and reign^{H4427} over us. 15 And the bramble^{H329} said^{H559} unto the trees^{H6086}, If in truth^{H571} ye anoint^{H4886} me king^{H4428} over you, then come^{H935} and put your trust^{H2620} in my shadow^{H6738}: and if not, let fire^{H784} come out^{H3318} of the bramble^{H329}, and devour^{H398} the cedars^{H730} of Lebanon^{H3844}. 16 Now therefore, if ye have done^{H6213} truly^{H571} and sincerely^{H8549}, in that ye have made Abimelech^{H40} king^{H4427}, and if ye have dealt^{H6213} well^{H2896} with Jerubbaal^{H3378} and his house^{H1004}, and have done^{H6213} unto him according to the deserving^{H1576} of his hands^{H3027}; 17 (For my father^{H1} fought^{H3898} for you, and adventured^{H7993} his life^{H5315} far^{H5048}, and delivered^{H5337} you out of the hand^{H3027} of Midian^{H4080}. 6) 18 And ye are risen up^{H6965} against my father's^{H1} house^{H1004} this day^{H3117}, and have slain^{H2026} his sons^{H1121}, threescore and ten^{H7657} persons^{H376}, upon one^{H259} stone^{H68}, and have made Abimelech^{H40}, the son^{H1121} of his maidservant^{H519}, king^{H4427} over the men^{H1167} of Shechem^{H7927}, because he is your brother^{H251};) 19 If ye then have dealt^{H6213} truly^{H571} and sincerely^{H8549} with Jerubbaal^{H3378} and with his house^{H1004} this day^{H3117}, then rejoice^{H8055} ye in Abimelech^{H40}, and let him also rejoice^{H8055} in you: 20 But if not, let fire^{H784} come out^{H3318} from Abimelech^{H40}, and devour^{H398} the men^{H1167} of Shechem^{H7927}, and the house^{H1004} of Millo^{H4407} H1037; and let fire^{H784} come out^{H3318} from the men^{H1167} of Shechem^{H7927}, and from the house^{H1004} of Millo^{H4407} H1037, and devour^{H398} Abimelech^{H40}. 21 And Jotham^{H3147} ran away^{H1272}, and fled^{H5127}, and went^{H3212} to Beer^{H876}, and dwelt^{H3427} there, for fear^{H6440} of Abimelech^{H40} his brother^{H251}.

22 When Abimelech^{H40} had reigned^{H7786} three^{H7969} years^{H8141} over Israel^{H3478}, 23 Then God^{H430} sent^{H7971} an evil^{H7451}

spirit^{H7307} between Abimelech^{H40} and the men^{H1167} of Shechem^{H7927}; and the men^{H1167} of Shechem^{H7927} dealt treacherously^{H898} with Abimelech^{H40}: **24** That the cruelty^{H2555} done to the threescore and ten^{H7657} sons^{H1121} of Jerubbaal^{H3378} might come^{H935}, and their blood^{H1818} be laid^{H7760} upon Abimelech^{H40} their brother^{H251}, which slew^{H2026} them; and upon the men^{H1167} of Shechem^{H7927}, which aided^{H2388 H3027} him in the killing^{H2026} of his brethren^{H251}. **25** And the men^{H1167} of Shechem^{H7927} set^{H7760} liars in wait^{H693} for him in the top^{H7218} of the mountains^{H2022}, and they robbed^{H1497} all that came^{H5674} along that way^{H1870} by them: and it was told^{H5046} Abimelech^{H40}. **26** And Gaal^{H1603} the son^{H1121} of Ebed^{H5651} came^{H935} with his brethren^{H251}, and went over^{H5674} to Shechem^{H7927}: and the men^{H1167} of Shechem^{H7927} put their confidence^{H982} in him. **27** And they went out^{H3318} into the fields^{H7704}, and gathered^{H1219} their vineyards^{H3754}, and trode^{H1869} the grapes, and made^{H6213} merry^{H1974}, and went^{H935} into the house^{H1004} of their god^{H430}, and did eat^{H398} and drink^{H8354}, and cursed^{H7043} Abimelech^{H40}. **28** And Gaal^{H1603} the son^{H1121} of Ebed^{H5651} said^{H559}, Who is Abimelech^{H40}, and who is Shechem^{H7927}, that we should serve^{H5647} him? is not he the son^{H1121} of Jerubbaal^{H3378}? and Zebul^{H2083} his officer^{H6496}? serve^{H5647} the men^{H582} of Hamor^{H2544} the father^{H1} of Shechem^{H7927}: for why should we serve^{H5647} him? **29** And would to God this people^{H5971} were under^{H5414} my hand^{H3027}! then would I remove^{H5493} Abimelech^{H40}. And he said^{H559} to Abimelech^{H40}, Increase^{H7235} thine army^{H6635}, and come out^{H3318}. **30** And when Zebul^{H2083} the ruler^{H8269} of the city^{H5892} heard^{H8085} the words^{H1697} of Gaal^{H1603} the son^{H1121} of Ebed^{H5651}, his anger^{H639} was kindled^{H2734}. **31** And he sent^{H7971} messengers^{H4397} unto Abimelech^{H40} privily^{H8649}, saying^{H559}, Behold, Gaal^{H1603} the son^{H1121} of Ebed^{H5651} and his brethren^{H251} be come^{H935} to Shechem^{H7927}; and, behold, they fortify^{H6696} the city^{H5892} against thee. **32** Now therefore up^{H6965} by night^{H3915}, thou and the people^{H5971} that is with thee, and lie in wait^{H693} in the field^{H7704}. **33** And it shall be, that in the morning^{H1242}, as soon as the sun^{H8121} is up^{H2224}, thou shalt rise early^{H7925}, and set^{H6584} upon the city^{H5892}: and, behold, when he and the people^{H5971} that is with him come out^{H3318} against thee, then mayest thou do^{H6213} to them as thou^{H3027} shalt find occasion^{H4672}. **34** And Abimelech^{H40} rose up^{H6965}, and all the people^{H5971} that were with him, by night^{H3915}, and they laid wait^{H693} against Shechem^{H7927} in four^{H702} companies^{H7218}. **35** And Gaal^{H1603} the son^{H1121} of Ebed^{H5651} went out^{H3318}, and stood^{H5975} in the entering^{H6607} of the gate^{H8179} of the city^{H5892}: and Abimelech^{H40} rose up^{H6965}, and the people^{H5971} that were with him, from lying in wait^{H3993}. **36** And when Gaal^{H1603} saw^{H7200} the people^{H5971}, he said^{H559} to Zebul^{H2083}, Behold, there come^{H3381} people^{H5971} down^{H3381} from the top^{H7218} of the mountains^{H2022}. And Zebul^{H2083} said^{H559} unto him, Thou seest^{H7200} the shadow^{H6738} of the mountains^{H2022} as if they were men^{H582}. **37** And Gaal^{H1603} spake^{H1696} again^{H3254} and said^{H559}, See there come^{H3381} people^{H5971} down^{H3381} by the middle^{H2872} of the land^{H776}, and another^{H259} company^{H7218} come^{H935} along by the plain^{H436} of^{H1870} Meonenim^{H6049 H1213}. **38** Then said^{H559} Zebul^{H2083} unto him, Where is now^{H645} thy mouth^{H6310}, wherewith thou saidst^{H559}, Who is Abimelech^{H40}, that we should serve^{H5647} him? is not this the people^{H5971} that thou hast despised^{H3988}? go out^{H3318}, I pray now^{H4994}, and fight^{H3898} with them. **39** And Gaal^{H1603} went out^{H3318} before^{H6440} the men^{H1167} of Shechem^{H7927}, and fought^{H3898} with Abimelech^{H40}. **40** And Abimelech^{H40} chased^{H7291} him, and he fled^{H5127} before^{H6440} him, and many^{H7227} were overthrown^{H5307} and wounded^{H2491}, even unto the entering^{H6607} of the gate^{H8179}. **41** And Abimelech^{H40} dwelt^{H3427} at Arumah^{H725}: and Zebul^{H2083} thrust out^{H1644} Gaal^{H1603} and his brethren^{H251}, that they should not dwell^{H3427} in Shechem^{H7927}. **42** And it came to pass on the morrow^{H4283}, that the people^{H5971} went out^{H3318} into the field^{H7704}; and they told^{H5046} Abimelech^{H40}. **43** And he took^{H3947} the people^{H5971}, and divided^{H2673} them into three^{H7969} companies^{H7218}, and laid wait^{H693} in the field^{H7704}, and looked^{H7200}, and, behold, the people^{H5971} were come forth^{H3318} out of the city^{H5892}; and he rose up^{H6965} against them, and smote^{H5221} them. **44** And Abimelech^{H40}, and the company^{H7218} that was with him, rushed forward^{H6584}, and stood^{H5975} in the entering^{H6607} of the gate^{H8179} of the city^{H5892}: and the two^{H8147} other companies^{H7218} ran upon^{H6584} all the people that were in the fields^{H7704}, and slew^{H5221} them. **45** And Abimelech^{H40} fought^{H3898} against the city^{H5892} all that day^{H3117}; and he took^{H3920} the city^{H5892}, and slew^{H2026} the people^{H5971} that was therein, and beat down^{H5422} the city^{H5892}, and sowed^{H2232} it with salt^{H4417}. **46** And when all the men^{H1167} of the tower^{H4026} of Shechem^{H7927} heard^{H8085} that, they entered^{H935} into an hold^{H6877} of the house^{H1004} of the god^{H410} Berith^{H1286}. **47** And it was told^{H5046} Abimelech^{H40}, that all the men^{H1167} of the tower^{H4026} of Shechem^{H7927} were gathered together^{H6908}. **48** And Abimelech^{H40} gat him up^{H5927} to mount^{H2022} Zalmon^{H6756}, he and all the people^{H5971} that were with him; and Abimelech^{H40} took^{H3947} an axe^{H7134} in his hand^{H3027}, and cut down^{H3772} a bough^{H7754} from the trees^{H6086}, and took^{H5375} it, and laid^{H7760} it on his shoulder^{H7926}, and said^{H559} unto the people^{H5971} that were with him, What ye have seen^{H7200} me do^{H6213}, make haste^{H4116}, and do^{H6213} as I^{H3644} have done. **49** And all the people^{H5971} likewise cut down^{H3772} every man^{H376} his bough^{H7754}, and followed^{H3212 H310} Abimelech^{H40}, and put^{H7760}

them to the hold^{H6877}, and set^{H3341} the hold^{H6877} on fire^{H784} upon them; so that all the men^{H582} of the tower^{H4026} of Shechem^{H7927} died^{H4191} also, about a thousand^{H505} men^{H376} and women^{H802}.

50 Then went^{H3212} Abimelech^{H40} to Thebez^{H8405}, and encamped^{H2583} against Thebez^{H8405}, and took^{H3920} it. **51** But there was a strong^{H5797} tower^{H4026} within^{H8432} the city^{H5892}, and thither fled^{H5127} all the men^{H582} and women^{H802}, and all they^{H1167} of the city^{H5892}, and shut^{H5462} it to them, and gat them up^{H5927} to the top^{H1406} of the tower^{H4026}. **52** And Abimelech^{H40} came^{H935} unto the tower^{H4026}, and fought^{H3898} against it, and went hard^{H5066} unto the door^{H6607} of the tower^{H4026} to burn^{H8313} it with fire^{H784}. **53** And a certain^{H259} woman^{H802} cast^{H7993} a piece^{H6400} of a millstone^{H7393} upon Abimelech's^{H40} head^{H7218}, and all to brake^{H7533} his skull^{H1538}. **54** Then he called^{H7121} hastily^{H4120} unto the young man^{H5288} his armourbearer^{H5375 H3627}, and said^{H559} unto him, Draw^{H8025} thy sword^{H2719}, and slay^{H4191} me, that men say^{H559} not of me, A woman^{H802} slew^{H2026} him. And his young man^{H5288} thrust him through^{H1856}, and he died^{H4191}. **55** And when the men^{H376} of Israel^{H3478} saw^{H7200} that Abimelech^{H40} was dead^{H4191}, they departed^{H3212} every man^{H376} unto his place^{H4725}. **56** Thus God^{H430} rendered^{H7725} the wickedness^{H7451} of Abimelech^{H40}, which he did^{H6213} unto his father^{H1}, in slaying^{H2026} his seventy^{H7657} brethren^{H251}. **57** And all the evil^{H7451} of the men^{H582} of Shechem^{H7927} did God^{H430} render^{H7725} upon their heads^{H7218}; and upon them came^{H935} the curse^{H7045} of Jotham^{H3147} the son^{H1121} of Jerubbaal^{H3378}.

Fußnoten

1. Whether...: Heb. What is good? whether, etc
2. to follow: Heb. after
3. plain: or, oak
4. go...: or, go up and down for other trees
5. bramble: or, thistle
6. adventured...: Heb. cast his life
7. aided...: Heb. strengthened his hands to kill
8. merry: or, songs
9. kindled: or, hot
10. privily: Heb. craftily or, to Tormah
11. as thou shalt...: Heb. as thine hand shall find
12. middle: Heb. navel
13. Meonenim: or, the regards of times
14. me do: Heb. I have done