

QUESTIONS FOR JUDGES/RUTH LESSON 7

All questions are based on the New King James Version of the Bible.

DAY ONE: Read all notes and references.

1. What was helpful to you in studying the life of Gideon?

Answers will vary.

2. How did God's encouragement of Gideon encourage you?

Answers will vary.

DAY TWO: Read Judges 9:1-6 and re-read 8:30-31.

3. a. What harmful effect did Gideon's polygamy have on his family after he died?

the son of the concubine rose up against the other 70 sons and killed them

- b. How can the relationship between parents affect children today?

Answers will vary.

4. Who escaped being killed? How?

Jothan the youngest son escaped being killed by hiding.

5. a. What did Abimelech want that his father had refused? See Judges 8:22 for help.

He wanted to reign (rule) over Israel.

- b. Name something that you have wanted very much but did not get.

Answers will vary.

- c. What kept you from doing whatever it took to get what you wanted?

Answers will vary.

DAY THREE: Read Judges 9:7-21.

6. Read Jotham's story in Judges 9:7-15 to answer the following questions.

- a. Name the plants which the trees asked to rule over them.

Olive tree, fig tree, vine, and bramble

- b. Which plant represents Abimelech?

the bramble

- c. ? (Thought Question) What do you think is the point of the story?

Answers will vary. The plants that are mentioned produce goods; rather than seek to rule they desire to serve; the bramble, on the other hand, wants to rule and promotes itself with false promises.

7. Do you think this story applies today? If so, in what way?

Answers will vary. Even today we have those who wish to be in roles of leadership that do not possess the qualities one looks for in a leader. While those that would make good leaders are content to serve by doing that which they were made for, rather than take a role of leadership

DAY FOUR: Read Judges 9:22-41.

8. a. How long did Abimelech reign over Israel?

three years

- b. What two problems occurred during Abimelech's reign. Check the correct answers below.

- ☒ God sent a spirit of ill will between Abimelech and the men of Shechem.
- ☐ Abimelech was arrested, tried, and convicted of the murder of his brothers.
- ☒ Gaal, the son of Ebed, tried to overthrow Abimelech.
- ☐ Zebul devised a plot to kill Abimelech.

- c. Give the details that you remember about one of the two problems Abimelech faced.

The men of Schechem set ambush on the mountains against Abimelech and robbed all those that passed by. Gaal gathers people to go up against Abimelech.

9. a. Give the name of the man who sided with Abimelech.

Zebul

- b. What three things did he do to help Abimelech?

Sent messengers to Abimelech to warn him, told him about their plans, and drove out Gaal and his brothers.

10. What is your opinion of the men of Shechem?

They are easily swayed and not very loyal

Gaal?

He thinks very highly of himself, but his loose lips end up causing his demise

Zebul?

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DAY FIVE: Read Judges 9:42-56 and re-read Judges 9:16-21.

11. Circle T next to the statements which are true and give the verse where you found it. Circle F next to the statements which are false and correct each one.

- a. ☒ or F vs. **45** Abimelech and his army attacked and killed the people of Shechem.
- b. ☒ or F vs. **45** Abimelech sowed the city with salt.
- c. ☒ or F vs. **49** Abimelech burned 1,000 people to death in the tower of Shechem.
- d. T or ☒ vs. _____ Abimelech ~~burned 1,000 more people in~~ **died** at the tower of Thebez.
- e. T or ☒ vs. _____ Abimelech ~~lived happily ever after.~~ **did not live.**

- f. ? (Thought Question) Why do you think Abimelech sowed the city with salt?

salt makes the land barren. The land would be ruined.

12. How did God repay the wickedness of Abimelech (verse 56)?

He repaid him by killing him in a humiliated way because he killed his 70 brothers

13. What was the "curse of Jotham" that came upon the men of Shechem?

They were killed by Abimelech and Abimelech was killed by them.

VOCABULARY FOR JUDGES/RUTH LESSON 7

*"The more words you know, the more clearly and powerfully you will think...
and the more ideas you will invite into your mind."*
— Wilfred Funk

DAY ONE: Write the definition of each vocabulary word.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

DAY TWO: Write three sentences using three different vocabulary words from this lesson.

1.

2.

3.

DAY THREE: Circle the word’s synonym(s). (Synonym is a word/phrase that means the same thing.)

1. pursue

chase

follow

hide

2. modesty

discreet

humility

chastity

3. ambition

laziness

desire

unconcern

DAY FOUR: Match the word to its meaning.**Word****Definition**

pursue	series of rulers from the same family or group
modesty	the practice of having several spouses, especially wives at one time
dynasty	to follow in order to capture; chase
polygamy	free from vanity; concerned with descent behavior, clothing and speech
ambition	desire for fame, power, or a goal

DAY FIVE: Review previous vocabulary words. Try to work from memory.

Fill in the Blank: Review previous vocabulary word(s). Try to work from memory.
Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the Word Bank.

mercy - kind treatment to someone who has no right to it

providence - God's arrangement of everything that happens

descendant - the offspring of ancestors

impediment - something that interferes with movement or progress

stumble - to speak or act as if unsure

rebuke - to criticize sharply

triumph - a victory or success

lure - to tempt or lead away by offering some type of pleasure

motive - something that causes someone to do something

oppress - to control or rule in a cruel way

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