



Shoftim Perek 9

- Avimelech, the son of Gideon (also known as Yeruba'al,) convinces the people of Sh'chem to allow him to be their ruler.
- Avimelech murders all seventy of his brothers in order to take hold of the leadership.
- His youngest brother Yosam escapes with his life.
- Yosam stands on the top of Mount Grizzim (overlooking Sh'chem) and curses the people of Sh'chem and Avimelech in the form of a parable.
- Avimelech rules with force and arrogance for three years.
- Hashem causes there to be a feeling of ill will between the people of Sh'chem and Avimelech.
- Sh'chem starts to intimidate Avimelech.
- Ga'al ben Eved (a gentile) questions the authority of Avimelech and rallies the people of Sh'chem against Avimelech.
- Ga'al challenges Avimelech in war.
- Zevul, the ruler of the city, pretends to betray Avimelech and collude with Ga'al.
- Avimelech strikes the army of Ga'al in the early morning.
- Zevul chases out Ga'al.
- Avimelech massacres the people of Sh'chem, leaving their fields barren by covering them with salt.
- Avimelech gets wind that the people of Migdal Sh'chem want to harm him.
- Avimelech burns down their tower containing 1,000 men and women.
- Avimelech heads to Taiveitz to burn down the tower there, too.
- A woman throws down a large object that crushes Avimelech's skull.
- Avimelech asks his weapon carrier to kill him by sword, and not to let him die by the hand of a woman.
- Hashem took retribution from Avimelech for the murder of his brothers.
- The curse of Yosam was fulfilled.