

Crown ME King!
Judges 9

CENTRAL IDEA:

Truth & Integrity are essential for Righteous Living!

- I. Abimelech's Plot for Power vv.1-6**
 - A. Abimelech's Plot to Rule vv. 1-3**
 - B. Abimelech's Path of Destruction vv.4-6**
- II. Jotham's Parable and Prophecy vv.7-21**
 - A. Parable of the Bramble vv.7-15**
 - B. The Prophecy of Abimelech's reign vv.16-21**
- III. The God's Plan Fulfilled vv. 22-57**
 - A. Abimelech's difficulties vv. 22-41**
 - B. Abimelech's depravity vv. 42-49**
 - C. Abimelech's death vv. 50-57**

APPLICATION:

Like the people of Israel, without truth and integrity, a government and culture can easily fall into civil disobedience and rebellion.

Beware of the Cultural Slippery Slope:

- A. Moral Decline**
- B. Educational Breakdown**
- C. Prejudicial Legal Rulings**
- D. Privileged Positions of Other Religions**
- E. Breakdown of Law and Order**

The proud agenda of our elite and educated leadership will result in the humiliation of our nation!

The Church's Response:

We must exalt the Cross! (1 Corinthians 1:18-31)

TAKEAWAYS:

- A. God permits both the wicked and righteous to rule (Daniel 4:17)**
- B. God uses events in history to show that He is in control even though man thinks he is in control**
- C. Truth always triumphs in the end, even if falseness initially finds success**