

Are They Judges?

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Oakbrook Community Church (PCA)

Selfish Ambition 1-2

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Idolatry 4

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- Partnered with idol worshipers who funded his activities

Murder or Fratricide 5

- Violated 6th command Ex 20:13
- Gideon killed fellow Israelites^{Jdg 8:17}; Abimelech kills half-brothers

Dishonesty & Blasphemy 6

- Violates 3rd & 9th commands Ex 20:7,16
- Took oath in God's name falsely or Baal's name blaspheming
- We should look for leaders who honor God: Titus 1:6-9

The Thornbush King 7-21

- Jotham (*Yahweh is perfect*) vs. Abimelech (*my father is king*)
- Jotham called from Mt. Gerizim (blessing Mt)
- Parable warning of what Abimelech as king will be!
- Abimelech is a useless Briar who will cause destruction

Rage of the Bramble King 22-49

- Boasting of Gaal 25-33
- Abimelech seems to prevail 34-41
- Abimelech's revenge

God's Revenge 46-57

God's Commentary 56-57

God's Grace to His Undeserving People 10:1-3

- Tola led for 23yrs
- Jair led for 22 yrs - 30 donkeys shows wealth & power

Lessons:

- Truths about God's Judgment
 - It often comes unseen! Don't try to point it out
 - It comes in God's timing
 - God often works through the outworking of human sin
- God grants grace to His undeserving People!
 - Rm 5:8 Never ever forget God's grace & mercy to you!
 - There is a tension between God's grace & God's law
 - This tension is ONLY resolved when we see God's solution: Jesus Christ – the Savior-Judge who redeems
 - We can only know renewal when we by faith place ourselves under the Man of God's own choosing: Jesus!

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