

~JOTHAM 2 (99)

(Jo'tham) [Yehowah Is Perfect, or, May Yehowah Complete]

- Youngest son of Judge Gideon or Jerubbaal residing at Ophrah.
- And they did not exercise loving-kindness toward the household of Jerubbaal, Gideon, in return for all the goodness that he had exercised toward Israel. (**Judges 8:35**)
- After that he went to the house of his father at Ophrah and killed his brothers, the sons of Jerubbaal, seventy men, upon one stone, but **Jotham** the youngest son of Jerubbaal was left over, because he had hid. (**Judges 9:5**)
- After Gideon's death, Abimelech, his son by a slave girl, murdered all of Gideon's other sons, his half brothers, that is, all but **Jotham**, who had concealed himself.
- Thereafter, when the landowners of Shechem made Abimelech their king, **Jotham** stationed himself atop Mount Gerizim and, by means of an illustration involving trees, pronounced a prophetic malediction upon the landowners of Shechem and upon Abimelech. Subsequently **Jotham** fled and took up residence at Beer.
- Subsequently all the landowners of Shechem and all the house of Millo gathered together and went and made Abimelech reign as king, close by the big tree, the pillar that was in Shechem. (**Judges 9:6**)
- When they reported it to **Jotham** he at once went and stood on the top of Mount Gerizim and raised his voice and called out and said to them; Listen to me, you landowners of Shechem, and let God listen to you. (**Judges 9:7**)
- Once upon a time the trees went to anoint a king over them. So they said to the olive tree; Do be king over us. (**Judges 9:8**)
- But the olive tree said to them; Must I give up my fatness with which they glorify God and men, and must I go to wave over the other trees? (**Judges 9:9**)
- Then the trees said to the fig tree; You come, be queen over us.

(Judges 9:10)

- **But the fig tree said to them; Must I give up my sweetness and my good produce, and must I go to wave over the other trees? (Judges 9:11)**
- **Next the trees said to the vine; You come, be queen over us. (Judges 9:12)**
- **In turn the vine said to them; Must I give up my new wine that makes God and men rejoice, and must I go to wave over the trees? (Judges 9:13)**
- **Finally all the other trees said to the bramble; You come, be king over us. (Judges 9:14)**
- **At this the bramble said to the trees; If it is in truth that you are anointing me as king over you, come, seek refuge under my shadow. But if not, let fire come out of the bramble and consume the cedars of Lebanon. (Judges 9:15)**
- **And now if it is in truth and in faultlessness that you have acted and that you went making Abimelech king, and if it is goodness that you have exercised toward Jerubbaal and his household, and if you have done to him as the doing of his hands deserved. (Judges 9:16)**
- **When my father fought for you and went risking his soul that he might deliver you out of Midian's hand. (Judges 9:17)**
- **And you, for your part, have risen up against the household of my father today that you might kill his sons, seventy men, upon one stone, and that you might make Abimelech, the son of his slave girl, king over the landowners of Shechem just because he is your own brother. (Judges 9:18)**
- **Yes, if it is in truth and in faultlessness that you have acted toward Jerubbaal and his household this day, rejoice over Abimelech and let him too rejoice over you. (Judges 9:19)**
- **But if not, let fire come out of Abimelech and consume the landowners of Shechem and the house of Millo, and let fire come out of the landowners of Shechem and the house of Millo and consume Abimelech. (Judges 9:20)**

- Then **Jotham** took to flight and went running off and made his way to Beer, and he took up dwelling there because of Abimelech his brother. (**Judges 9:21**)
- And all the evil of the men of Shechem God made come back upon their own heads, that the malediction of **Jotham** the son of Jerubbaal might come upon them. (**Judges 9:57**)