

**~THEBEZ (46)**  
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- **A city having a strong tower.** When Abimelech had taken **Thebez** and was attempting to assault the tower where the populace had sought refuge, a woman pitched an upper millstone upon him from atop the wall.
- His skull shattered by the blow, Abimelech had his attendant put him to death so that no one could say; It was a woman that killed him.
- And Abimelech proceeded to go to **Thebez** and to camp against Thebez and capture it. (**Judges 9:50**)
- As a **strong tower** happened to be in the middle of the city, there was where all the men and women and all the landowners of the city went fleeing, after which they shut it behind them and climbed onto the **roof of the tower**. (**Judges 9:51**)
- And Abimelech made his way to the tower and began fighting against it, and he went on up close to the entrance of the tower to burn it with fire. (**Judges 9:52**)
- Then a certain woman pitched an upper millstone upon Abimelech's head and broke his skull in pieces. (**Judges 9:53**)
- So he quickly called the attendant bearing his weapons and said to him; Draw your sword and put me to death, for fear they should say about me, It was a woman that killed him. Immediately his attendant ran him through, so that he died. (**Judges 9:54**)
- Who was it that struck down Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth? Was it not a woman that pitched an upper millstone upon him from on top of the wall so that he died at **Thebez**? Why did you men have to go so close to the wall? You must also say; Your servant Uriah the Hittite died too. (**2 Samuel 11:21**)
- **Thebez** is tentatively connected with modern Tubas, about 15 kilometers (9.5 miles) North-Northwest of Shechem, although no suitable remains have been found.

