



Abimelech's Evil & Samson's Arrival:

Judges 9 - 14

Lesson 54 Visuals

- **Gideon said, “I will not rule over you, nor will my son rule over you. But the Lord will rule over Israel.”**
- **Gideon did a foolish thing by making a gold ephod using gold earrings from the Midianite plunder.**
- **All of Israel including Gideon and his family start worshipping that gold ephod.**
- **Idol worship grow even worse after Gideon died when the Israelites began to worship Baal.**
- **Abimelech wanted to be king so much that he did something very evil. He murdered his 70 brothers.**
- **Abimelech died as a result of a woman dropping a huge stone on his head.**



- **Judges 9:56 tells us God repaid the wickedness that Abimelech had done to this father by murdering his 70 brothers.**
- **The Israelites kept turning to idol worship so when they finally cried out the Lord God, God said, “Go and cry out to the gods you have chosen.”**
- **The Israelites showed they really were repentant and that they really did want to trust the Lord God alone when they got rid of their idols and false gods.**
- **The Spirit of the Lord came on Jephthah enabling him and the Israelites to defeat the Ammonites.**
- **The Lord delivered the Israelites into the Philistine’s hands for 40 years.**
- **The angel of the Lord said to Manoah’s wife, “You are sterile and childless, but you are doing to conceive and have a son.”**



- **The angel of the Lord said that he was to be a Nazarite. That meant that he was to be set apart to God.**
- **No razor was ever to touch his head. They used razors instead of scissors to cut hair. So this meant he was never to get a haircut.**
- **After Manoah's wife told him what the angel of the Lord said. Manoah prayed for the Lord God to let the man of God come again.**
- **God heard Manoah's prayer. The angel of the Lord told Manoah that his wife and the boy must not drink anything from the grapevine. That means no grape juice or wine.**
- **And his wife or the boy must not eat anything unclean.**
- **The angel of the Lord made a dramatic exit by ascending in the flame and disappearing.**



- **When Manoah realized that they had seen God, Manoah thought they were going to die.**
- **Manoah and his wife named their son Samson.**
- **As Samson grew, the Spirit of the Lord began to stir in Samson.**
- **Samson wanted to marry a Philistine woman.**
- **The Spirit of the Lord came on Samson in power and enabled him to tear a young lion apart with his bare hands.**
- **Samson ate honey that he found inside the carcass of that lion he had killed.**