

# Jotham's Rebuke from Mt Gerizim



Mt Gerizim from ancient Shechem. Van and Anita Parunak, November 1974

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## 9:7-21 Jotham's Rebuke

### 8-15, Parable

- 8-9, to the Olive
- 10-11, to the Fig
- 12-13, to the Vine
- 14-15, to the Bramble
  - if in truth ...
  - if not ...

### 16-20, Interpretation

- 16-19, if in truth ...
- 20 if not,

**20a, let Abimelech devour Shechem**

**20b, let Shechem devour Abimelech**

### 9:22-55 Restoration

24 their blood laid

- **upon Abimelech**
- **upon the men of Shechem**

**25-49, Abimelech devours Shechem**

**50-55, Shechem devours Abimelech**

### 9:56-57 Chiastic Summary

**56, God returned the wickedness of Abimelech**

**57a, God returned the wickedness of the men of Shechem**

**57b, upon them came the curse of Jotham**

# The Olive



Al Khadr. Van and Anita Parunak, Sept 1974

# Three of Jotham's "Trees"

## The Bramble



## The Vine



Near Kfar Etzion. Van and Anita Parunak, June 1975



Thorny burnet in hills above Beit Netofa valley. 11/23/1974, Van and Anita Parunak

# “God sent an evil spirit”: Another Example

1Ki 22:20 And the LORD said, Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramothgilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner. 21 And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will persuade him. 22 And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so. 23 Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil concerning thee.

	Judg 9, Abimelech in Shechem	1 Kings 22, Ahab in Samaria
Lord sends evil spirit ...	23a God sent an evil spirit	23 the LORD hath put a lying spirit
... to cause someone to sin ...	23b the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech	22 I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets
... to bring God's judgment	24 That the cruelty done to the threescore and ten sons of Jerubbaal might come, and their blood be laid upon Abimelech their brother ... and upon the men of Shechem	20 ... persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramothgilead

# Further Examples

1 Sa 16:14 But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and **an evil spirit from the LORD** troubled him.

Is 19:2 And I will set the Egyptians against the Egyptians: and they shall fight every one against his brother, and every one against his neighbour; city against city, and kingdom against kingdom. ... 14 The **LORD hath mingled a perverse spirit** in the midst thereof: and they have caused Egypt to err in every work thereof, as a drunken man staggereth in his vomit.

2 Th 2:11 And for this cause **God shall send them strong delusion**, that they should believe a lie: 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

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1John 5:19 And we know that we are of God, and **the whole world lieth in wickedness the wicked one**

1Tim. 1:20 Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I **have delivered unto Satan**, that they may learn not to blaspheme. (also 1 Cor 5:5)