

**There Was No King in Israel  
Pt 8 – Abimelech the Anti-Judge  
Judges 8:32 – 9:57**

Shechem

The Condition of Israel v.32-35

The Rise of Abimelech v.1-6

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The Destruction of Shechem and the Downfall of a Tyrant v.23-57

**My Response:**

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Discussion Questions**

How does the history of Shechem and the Valley of Decision shape more sharply the lessons of Judges 9?

How does Abimelech (My Father is King) take the pride of Gideon to a whole new level in chapter 9?

How do you see the Valley of Decision and the choice between life and death playing out in our own culture? How should we as the body of Christ respond?

What gods do you find are battling for your heart today? How do you deal with them to stay true to YHWH our covenant God?

Read Deuteronomy 28. Imagine standing with the people of Israel half the tribes standing on Mt Gerizim (blessing) the other half on Mt Ebal (curse). The Levites stand in the valley between reading each blessing and each curse with all of the people responding amen after each. How would this affect you?

Does this give new meaning to Joshua’s renewed call (Josh 24) years later when he brings the people back to this spot and says to them “Choose you this day whom you will serve...as for me and my house we will serve YHWH”?