

### April 3

- a. For killing Gideon's 7 sons, God caused Abimelech trouble with Shechem. Judges 9:23-24
- b. Gaal threatens to kill Abimelech and Zebul, the city leader, tells him. Judges 9:29-32
- c. Gaal sees Abimelech's men; Zebul tells him it's just shadows on the hills. Judges 9:33-38
- d. Abimelech and Zebul drive Gaal and his leaders out of Shechem. Judges 9:39-45
- e. Some leaders hid in a tower and a woman dropped a millstone on Abimelech. Judges 9:46-56
- f. God punished Abimelech and Shechem fulfilling Jotham's curse. (Judges 9:19-21) Judges 9:56-57
- g. Tola judges Israel for 23 years. Judges 10:1-3
- h. Jair judges Israel for 22 years. Judges 10:3-5
- i. the Ammonites oppress Israel for 18 years. Judges 10:6-18
- j. Jephthah becomes judge and prepares to fight the Ammonites. Judges 11:1-28

### April 4

- a. For victory, Jephthah vows to sacrifice the first thing coming out of his house. Judges 11:29-33
- b. His only virgin daughter is first. She spends time in the hills (new 4 day custom). Judges 11:34-40
- c. Ephraim fights Jephthah but lose because they can't pronounce Shibboleth. Judges 12:1-7
- d. Ibzan judges Israel for 7 years. Judges 12:8-10
- e. Elon judges Israel for 10 years. Judges 12:11-12
- f. Abdon judges Israel for 8 years. Judges 12:13-15
- g. Samson, 1<sup>st</sup> Nazirite, is born to Manoah & his wife; foretold by Angel of the Lord. Judges 13:1-25
- h. Nazirite means consecrated, nothing from grapevine, can't cut hair, no corpses.
- i. Samson wants to marry a Philistine young lady (God was at work). Judges 14:1-4
- j. Samson kills a lion and later eats honey out of the carcass. Judges 14:5-9
- k. Samson throws a bachelor party and offers a riddle for 30 sets of clothes. Judges 14:10-13
- l. The men threaten Samson's wife's family. Samson tells, she tells, they tell him. Judges 14:14-20
- m. Samson kills 1,000 Philistines with a donkey jawbone because his wife is not his. Judges 15:1-20

### April 5

- a. Samson spends an evening with a prostitute and removes Gaza's town's gates. Judges 16:1-3
- b. Samson falls in love with Delilah. Judges 16:4
- c. Philistine rulers offer Delilah 1,100 pieces of silver to find out the secret of Samson's strength. Judges 16:5-6
- d. Samson tells her new bowstrings, new ropes, weave braids in loom, and cut hair. Judges 16:7-19
- e. Lord not with him. Philistines capture him & poke out his eyes, his hair grew back. Judges 16:20-22
- f. Samson kills 3,000 at his death, more than while living, judged for 20 years. Judges 16:23-31
- g. The events of Judges 17-21 happened early in the Judges' period.
- h. Micah in Ephraim had an idol made of silver and pays a Levite to be their priest. Judges 17:1-13
- i. Dan hadn't yet got their land. They take Micah's idol & priest & town of Laish. Judges 18:1-28
- j. They rebuilt the town, named it Dan, and started worshiping Micha's idol there. Judges 18:29-31

### April 6

- a. Levite's concubine goes back to her father. She's raped & killed by Benjaminites. Judges 19:1-28
- b. At home, the Levite cut her into 12 pieces and sent 1 piece to each tribe. Judges 19:29-30
- c. 11 tribes fought Benjamin with losses but wiped out all but 600 men of Benjamin. Judges 20:1-48
- d. Israel vows not to give the men of Benjamin daughters to marry ending them. Judges 21:1-3
- e. Israel feels sorry for Benjamin and realizes no one from Jabesh-gilead fought. Judges 21:4-9
- f. Israel sent 12,000 warriors to kill everyone but the 400 virgins in Jabesh-gilead. Judges 21:10-14
- g. The last 200 Benjaminites grab virgins from the annual festival at Shiloh. Judges 21:15-24
- h. Everybody did what seemed right in their own eyes. Judges 21:25