

## 42. Woman of Thebez

Next Abimelech went to Thebez and besieged it and captured it. Inside the city, however, was a strong tower, to which all the men and women—all the people of the city—fled. They locked themselves in and climbed up on the tower roof. Abimelech went to the tower and stormed it. But as he approached the entrance to the tower to set it on fire, a woman dropped an upper millstone on his head and cracked his skull.

Hurriedly he called to his armor-bearer, "Draw your sword and kill me, so that they can't say, 'A woman killed him.'" So his servant ran him through, and he died. When the Israelites saw that Abimelech was dead, they went home.

Thus God repaid the wickedness that Abimelech had done to his father by murdering his seventy brothers. God also made the men of Shechem pay for all their wickedness. The curse of Jotham son of Jerub-Baal came on them. (Judges 9:50-57 NIV)



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ARMOR	FIRE	REPAID
BAAL	HOME	ROOF
BEARER	INSIDE	SEVENTY
BESIEGED	JERUB	SHECHEM
CAPTURED	JOTHAM	SKULL
CLIMBED	LOCKED	SWORD
CRACKED	MILLSTONE	THEBEZ
CURSE	MURDERING	TOWER
DROPPED	NEXT	UPPER
ENTRANCE	RAN	WICKEDNESS