WORKSHEET #8: Kingship in Judges-Ruth

Carefully read Judges 7:1-8; 8:22-35; 9:1-57; 17:6; 18:1; 19:1; 21:25; Ruth 4:18-22. In this worksheet, do not consult any outside resources, except if needed in question 5a. *(4 pts for each question)*

1. a. What is the point of the story in 7:1-8?
   b. How do the Israelites’ words in 8:22 mesh with this story?

2. a. How do you understand Gideon’s words in 8:23?
   b. How do his actions in 8:24ff. mesh with his words in v. 23?

3. a. What is the point of Jotham’s fable in 9:7-15?
   b. Is the fable a commentary on Abimelek or on kingship? Explain.

4. a. What is the point of the recurring formula found in 17:6; 18:1; 19:1; 21:25?
   b. How does it mesh with the insights into kingship in the earlier passages?

5. a. Who is Perez (Ruth 4:18)?
   b. What is the significance of the first and last names of the genealogy in vv. 18-22? *(I.e., why does it begin and end with the names that it does?)*
   c. Why do you think that the book of Ruth ends with this genealogy?