

THE STORY OF GEDALIAH

Low-Frequency Vocabulary • Orit Mor

Name: _____

Class: _____

A. Match the word to its meaning

WORD	MEANING
1. governor	a. lacking (נשלל ממנו/חסר לו) something important
2. forbidden	b. a person who rules a country or area
3. looming	c. not allowed
4. determined	d. likely to happen very soon
5. guidance	e. strongly decided to do something
6. barren	f. advice about what to do
7. resourceful	g. empty, dry, and unable to produce much
8. deprived	h. having good ideas and finding practical solutions
9. indebted	j. owing thanks, money, or something in return

B. Choose the best word

- The people were **barren** / **allowed** / **governor** to remain in the land and rebuild their lives.
- The prophet gave them **determined** / **governor** / **guidance** before they continued their journey.
- The land became **determined** / **barren** / **indebted** after years of destruction.
- The danger was **indebted** / **looming** / **barren**, but Gedaliah did not believe the warning.
- It is **forbidden** / **looming** / **guidance** to listen to certain kinds of harmful gossip.
- Gedaliah was appointed (מינו אותו) **forbidden** / **governor** / **determined** over the Jewish people.
- The people were **looming** / **deprived** / **indebted** of many basic needs.
- A **resourceful** / **guidance** / **barren** person can solve problems even without many resources.
- If someone helps you greatly, you may feel **governor** / **guidance** / **indebted** to that person.

Challenge: Choose TWO words from the box and write your own sentences.

1. _____

2. _____

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Vocabulary in Context • Think carefully!

C. Complete the sentences with the correct vocabulary

WORD BANK

royal blood • murder • nevertheless • prophet נביא • tragedy • fasting • sages • thrilled
• cleverly • convinced • descendant צאצא • plot מזימה/עלילה

1. Yishmael was a _____ of King David.
2. Yishmael planned to _____ Gedaliah during the meal.
3. The king used a secret _____ to remove Gedaliah.
4. The Jews were warned about the coming danger by a great _____.
5. _____, the people ignored the warning and continued toward Egypt.
6. The people were _____ that life in Judea would improve.
7. King Baalis _____ persuaded שיכנע Yishmael to join his plan.
8. Yishmael was _____ that Gedaliah should be removed.
9. The murder was a terrible _____ for the Jewish people.
10. The people observed שומרים a day of _____ to remember the tragedy.
11. The _____ explained the significance of the event.
12. Gedaliah was not of _____, but he became the leader.

D. What does it mean in the story?

EXPRESSION	MEANING
1. "take care of everything"	a. become part of the group
2. "out of Egypt"	b. permanently / finally
3. "set out"	c. began a journey
4. "once and for all"	d. leaving Egypt
5. "join us"	e. make sure everything is dealt with

E. Vocabulary Challenge

Write a short sentence showing that you understand each word.

resourceful _____

bereft _____

looming _____

convinced _____