THE PARABLE OF THE TREES

OLIVE Makes oil to honor God and man — Othniel?

FIG makes sweetness and good fruit — Deborah?

GRAPE *Makes wine, gladdens God and man*— Gideon?

THORN — Abimelech!

The Thornbush: No useful fruit

Provides no pleasure Provides no shade

Had to give up nothing Good only for kindling A product of the curse