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**Much Love!**

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**Title:** Sweet Victory

**Text:** Judges 4-5

**Target:** See it, Say it, Seize it, Sing it.

I. **The Resume of Deborah:** *“Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel at that time.”* (Vs. 4:4)

A. **Meaning of her Name:** “Honey Bee or Bee”

B. **Ministered as a Prophetess:** “Woman Prophet.”

C. **Married to Lappidoth:** “Lighter of Torches or Fanning Flames.”

D. **Mediated as a Judge:** *“She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the people of Israel came up to her for judgment.”* (Vs. 4:5)

E. **Mother of Israel:** *“I, Deborah, arose as a mother in Israel.”* (Vs. 5:7)

II. **The Revelation to Barak:** *“She sent and summoned Barak the son of Abinoam from Kedesh-naphtali and said to him...”* (Vs. 4:6)

A. **Prophecy that Reminds:** *“Has not the Lord, the God of Israel, commanded you...”* (Vs. 6) \***Joshua 1:9**

1. **Requirement of God:** *“Go gather your men at Mount Tabor, taking 10,000 from the people of Naphtali and the people of Zebulun.”* (Vs. 4:6)

2. **Ruin of Sisera:** *“And I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the river Kishon with his chariots and his troops, and I will give him into your hand?”* (Vs. 4:7)

3. **Request for Deborah:** *Barak said to her, “If you will go with me, I will go, but if you will not go with me, I will not go... 10,000 men went up at his heels, and Deborah went up with him.”* (Vs. 4: 8,10)

B. **Prophecy that Reveals:** *“the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.”* (Vs. 4:9)

1. **Do not Fear:** *“Sisera called out all his chariots, 900 chariots of iron, and all the men who were with him.”* (Vs. 4:13)

2. **Seize the Day:** *Deborah said to Barak, “Up! For this is the day in which the Lord has given Sisera into your hand. Does not the Lord go out before you?”* (Vs. 4:14)

3. **Enemy Routed:** *“And the Lord routed Sisera and all his chariots and all his army before Barak by the edge of the sword.”* (Vs. 4:15)

\*5:21: **“torrent of Kishon swept them away”**

III. **The Readiness of Jael:** *“But Sisera fled away on foot to the tent of Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite, for there was peace between Jabin the King of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite.”* (Vs. 4:17)

A. **Shelter Provided:** *“Turn aside, my lord; turn aside to me; do not be afraid. So he turned aside to her into the tent, and she covered him with a rug.”* (Vs. 4:18)

- B. Hospitality Offered:** *“Please give me a little water to drink, for I am thirsty. So she opened a skin of milk and gave him a drink and covered him.”* (Vs. 4:19)
- C. Opportunity Seized:** *“But Jael the wife of Heber took a tent peg, and took a hammer in her hand. Then she went softly to him and drove the peg into his temple until it went down into the ground while he was lying fast asleep from weariness. So he died.”* (Vs. 4:21)

**Takeaway:** From the places of your deepest sorrow, God will bring forth a song of victory.