

Judges 5

Jesus

- Canaanites oppressing Israel
- **Deborah** [Bee] **raised up...**
 1. Judge/Deliverer over Israel
 2. Prophetess of God sitting under Palm Tree of Deborah
 3. **Singer/Songwriter...**

1 Then Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam **sang on that day**, saying:

- **185 +** songs in Word of God. 150 Psalms alone
- Song of Songs and Lamentations also are songs

Deborah's Song is one of Victory in the Lord

2 "When **leaders lead in Israel**, When the people **willingly offer themselves, Bless the Lord!** 3 "Hear, O kings! Give ear, O princes! I, even I, will sing to the Lord; I will sing praise to the Lord God of Israel.

- **Leadership blesses the Lord...**
 1. When leaders lead
 2. When the people willingly offer [Cheerfully giving of themselves]

4 "**Lord**, when You went out from Seir, When You marched from the field of Edom, The earth trembled and the heavens poured, The clouds also poured water; 5 The mountains gushed before the Lord, This Sinai, before the Lord God of Israel.

- True worship...

v4 **Lord...Song is sung to the Lord and sung for the Lord**
- **Mystery revealed:** Supernatural routing of Sisera in Ch. 4.

Supernatural Downpour to stop Iron Chariots

- **You Marched:** We heard You coming to deliver us/Louder than Iron Chariots
 1. Earth trembled/Heavens poured
 2. Mountains gushed before the Lord

6 "In the days of Shamgar, son of Anath, In the days of Jael, The highways were deserted, And the travelers walked along the byways.

- People walked in fear before Deborah made Judge

7 Village life ceased, it **ceased in Israel, Until I, Deborah, arose**, Arose a **mother in Israel**. 8 They chose new gods; Then there was war in the gates; Not a shield or spear was seen among forty thousand in Israel.

- Choose new gods? Expect war; lack of peace/defeated life

Genesis 4:6 ... the Lord said to Cain, "**Why are you angry?** And why has your countenance fallen? 7 If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it."

- Do what is right. Serve the Living God. Live life well. Our choice...
- **Not a shield or spear:** Choose new gods and be left Defenseless

Psalm 34:7 The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, And delivers them.

- God protects those who fear Him/ What about those who don't?
- **Defenseless**

9 My heart is with the rulers of Israel Who offered themselves willingly with the people. Bless the Lord!

- Leaders hearts are with those who **serve willingly/joyfully**

10 "Speak, you who ride on white donkeys, Who sit in judges' attire, And who walk along the road. 11 Far from the noise of the archers, among the watering places, There they shall **recount the righteous acts of the Lord**, The righteous acts for His villagers in Israel; Then the people of the Lord shall go down to the gates. 12 "Awake, awake, Deborah! Awake, awake, sing a song! **Arise, Barak, and lead your captives away**, O son of Abinoam! 13 "Then the survivors came down, the people against the nobles; The **Lord came down for me against the mighty**.

Psalm 18:35 You give me your shield of victory, and your right hand sustains me; **you stoop down to make me great.** [Gentleness/Humility/Condescension has made me great]

- **God became man:** Died on cross for our sins: We might be who He created us to be

The Lord came down for me against the mighty

14 From **Ephraim** were those whose roots were in Amalek. After you, **Benjamin**, with your peoples, From Machir rulers came down, And from **Zebulun** those who bear the recruiter's staff. 15 And the princes of **Issachar** were with Deborah; As Issachar, so was Barak Sent into the valley under his command; Among the divisions of **Reuben** There were **great resolves of heart**. 16 Why did you sit among the sheepfolds, To hear the **pipings** for the flocks? The divisions of Reuben have great searchings of heart.

- **Reuben:**
 1. Great resolves of heart
 2. Sitting among the sheep
 3. Listening for piping/bleating's of flocks
 4. Great searching of heart

17 Gilead stayed beyond the Jordan, And why did **Dan** remain on ships? **Asher** continued at the seashore, And stayed by his inlets. 18 **Zebulun** is a people who jeopardized their lives to the point of death, **Naphtali** also, on the heights of the battlefield.

- **Dan and Asher:** No go
- **Zebulun and Naphtali:** Brave Warriors

19 "The kings came and fought, Then the kings of Canaan fought In Taanach, by the waters of **Megiddo**; They took no spoils of silver. 20 They fought from the heavens; The stars from their courses fought against Sisera. 21 The torrent of Kishon swept them away, That ancient torrent, the torrent of Kishon. O my soul, march on in strength!

- **Battle was at Megiddo;** i.e. Armageddon
- More info on Supernatural intervention of God...
 1. Heavens/Stars were against Sisera
 2. Earth/Waters were against Sisera

Oh, my soul...March in Strength

- Supernatural Strength after seeing God's Supernatural Intervention

22 Then the horses' hooves pounded, The galloping, galloping of his steeds. 23 'Curse Meroz,' **said the angel of the Lord**, 'Curse its inhabitants bitterly, Because they did not come to the help of the Lord, To the help of the Lord against the mighty.'

- **Angel of the Lord** ... Pre-incarnate Jesus Christ
- **Curse Meroz:** lit. Curse refuge; i.e. those who took refuge from the battle

2 Timothy 1:7 ... God has **not given us a spirit of fear**, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

Romans 8:15 For you did **not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear**, but you received the Spirit of adoption

- Angel of the Lord curses cowards?

Revelation 21:8 ...the **cowardly**, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars **shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.**"

- We fear because we don't believe God. Believing is a choice or it would not be judged

24 "Most **blessed among women is Jael**, The wife of Heber the Kenite; Blessed is she among women in tents. 25 He asked for water, she gave milk; She brought out cream in a lordly bowl. 26 She stretched her hand to the tent peg, Her right hand to the workmen's hammer; She pounded Sisera, she pierced his head, She split and struck through his temple. 27 At her feet he sank, he fell, he lay still; At her feet he sank, he fell; Where he sank,

there he fell dead.

- Most blessed among woman is Jael

Luke 1:28 [Angel to Mary...] "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!"

28 "The mother of Sisera looked through the window, And cried out through the lattice, 'Why is his chariot so long in coming? Why tarries the clatter of his chariots?' 29 Her wisest ladies answered her, Yes, she answered herself, 30 'Are they not finding and dividing the spoil: To every man a girl or two; For Sisera, plunder of dyed garments, Plunder of garments embroidered and dyed, Two pieces of dyed embroidery for the neck of the looter?'

He is not coming home
Should have thought about that when he came against God's people

31 "Thus let all Your enemies perish, O Lord! But let those who love Him be **like the sun** When it comes out in **full strength.**"

- **Prophetess prophesies end times...**
 1. All God's enemies will perish
 2. All God's people shine like the Sun as our Lord

Matthew 17:2 ...[Jesus transfiguration] **His face shone like the sun,** and His clothes became as **white as the light.**

Malachi 4:2 4 "For behold, the day is coming, Burning like an oven, And all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up," Says the Lord of hosts, "That will leave them neither root nor branch. 2 But to you who fear My name **The Sun of Righteousness** shall arise With healing in His wings..."

- **God's victory** using two strong women/one reluctant man who finally stepped up

31b... So the **land had rest for forty years.**

Next...Gideon