

# JUDGES

THE BLESSED AND THE BROKEN

— SOMETIMES THE BEST MAN FOR THE JOB IS A WOMAN —

**Judges 4:1** When Ehud was dead, the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD. <sup>2</sup> So the LORD sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor. The commander of his army was Sisera, who dwelt in Harosheth Hagoyim. <sup>3</sup> And the children of Israel cried out to the LORD; for Jabin had nine hundred chariots of iron, and for twenty years he harshly oppressed the children of Israel. <sup>4</sup> Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, was judging Israel at that time.

**1 Corinthians 14:3** But the person who prophesies speaks to people for edification, encouragement, and consolation.

**1 Corinthians 13:8** Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away.

**1 Corinthians 13:9** For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. <sup>10</sup> But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

**Matthew 24:35** Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.



**Judges 4:4** And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time.

**Judges 5:7** The inhabitants of the villages ceased, they ceased in Israel, until that I Deborah arose, that I arose a mother in Israel.

**1 Timothy 2:13** For Adam was first formed, then Eve.

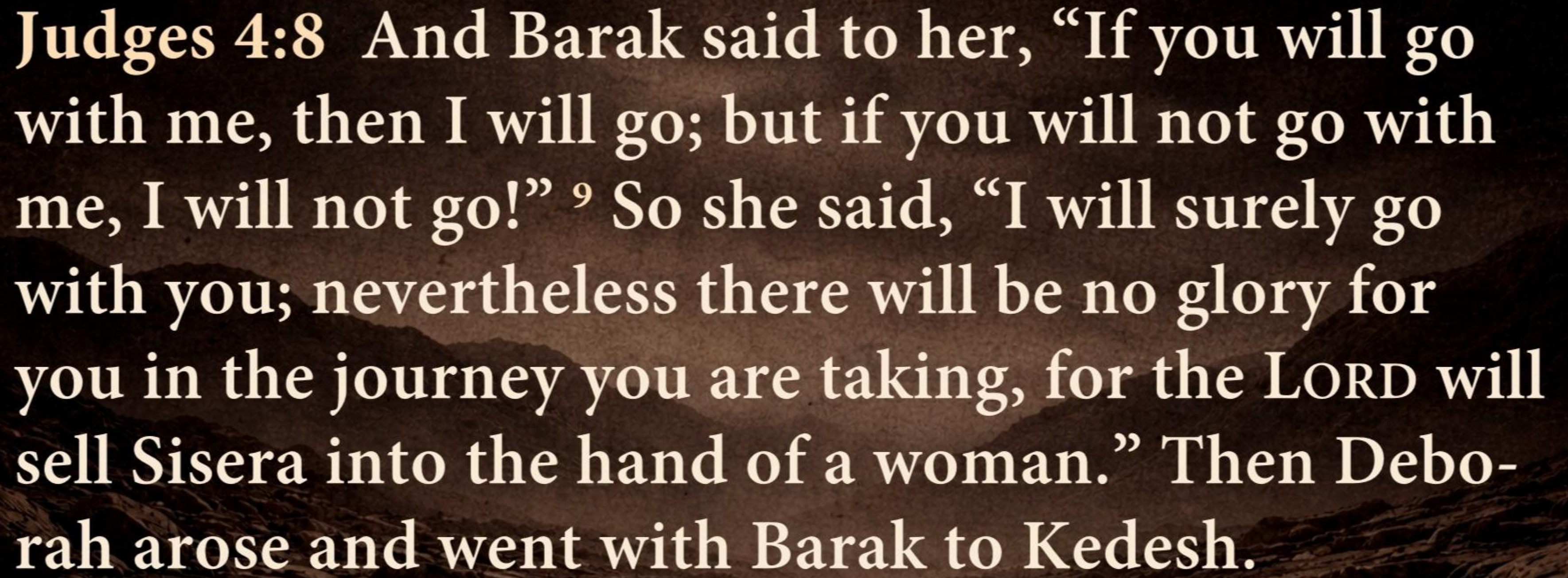
**1 Corinthians 11:3** But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

**1 Corinthians 11:8** For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man. <sup>9</sup> Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man.

**Judges 4:4** And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time. <sup>5</sup> And she dwelt under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in mount Ephraim: and the children of Israel came up to her for judgment.

**Deuteronomy 16:18** “You shall appoint judges and officers in all your gates, which the LORD your God gives you, according to your tribes, and they shall judge the people with just judgment. <sup>19</sup> You shall not pervert justice; you shall not show partiality, nor take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of the righteous.”

**Judges 4:6** Then she sent and called for Barak the son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “Has not the LORD God of Israel commanded, ‘Go and deploy troops at Mount Tabor; take with you ten thousand men of the sons of Naphtali and of the sons of Zebulun; <sup>7</sup> and against you I will deploy Sisera, the commander of Jabin’s army, with his chariots and his multitude at the River Kishon; and I will deliver him into your hand’?”

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**Judges 4:8** And Barak said to her, “If you will go with me, then I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go!”<sup>9</sup> So she said, “I will surely go with you; nevertheless there will be no glory for you in the journey you are taking, for the LORD will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.” Then Deborah arose and went with Barak to Kadesh.

**Hebrews 11:32** And what more shall I say?  
For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon  
and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also  
of David and Samuel and the prophets:  
<sup>33</sup> who through faith subdued kingdoms,  
worked righteousness, obtained promises,  
stopped the mouths of lions,

**Galatians 3:28** There is neither Jew nor Greek,  
there is neither slave nor free, there is neither  
male nor female; for you are all one in Christ  
Jesus.

