Deborah & Jael

An Introduction to Heroines and Other Women of the Bible

God gave me tonight's topic weeks ago.

It is mainly for all our girls and women.

It will help us deal with election results.

(Yesterday was November 6, 2018)

Three Kinds of Slides

And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, <u>but by</u> every word of God.

Luke 4:4

= God's Word the Bible

Jonah, an early prophet, lived no later than the reign of Jeroboam II of Israel. II Kings 14:25

Supporting Information

When God's word tells you to do something ...

Do It!

Lesson or Rule to Learn

Because of the Bible's emphasis, we emphasize and push our young men.

Wise girls and women will appreciate this emphasis, because they benefit.

That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace:

Psalm 144:12

We want our girls to be great women in the earth for God's glory and the profit of His kingdom.

We desire our girls to be:

Classy

Clever

Creative

Cheerful

Confident

Convicted

Committed

Competent

Courageous

Communicative

The Books of Moses

The first five books of the Bible.

Genesis: Creation through Joseph.

Exodus – Deuteronomy: Moses & Israel.

The Book of Joshua

It gives the history of Joshua leading Israel into the land of Canaan to overthrow its seven nations.

- 1 Now after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying,
- 2 Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel.

Joshua 1:1-2

- 5 There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: <u>as I was with Moses</u>, <u>so I will be with thee</u>: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.
- 6 Be strong and of a good courage: <u>for unto this people shalt</u> <u>thou divide for an inheritance the land</u>, which I sware unto their fathers to give them.

Joshua 1:5-6

So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD said unto Moses; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance unto Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land rested from war.

Joshua 11:23

And Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that overlived Joshua, and which had known all the works of the LORD, that he had done for Israel.

Joshua 24:31

We want our boys to be mighty men and not forsake the truth when we are dead.

We want our girls to be great women that will help them hold fast to the truth.

It gives the terrible down and up history of Israel as they departed from God and returned to Him.

Israel would go down by turning to religions of nations around them, so God would punish Israel by sending foreign invaders.

When Israel repented of their false religion and worshipped Jehovah again, He would send a leader to defeat their enemies.

These leaders were called judges, because they told Israel what was right or wrong.

Thus the book of Judges!

Never forget the 'R' factor.

It brings God flying back
from heaven to help you.

For the 'R' Factor to get God back:

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The terrible down and up history of Judges was by men following their ideas and not God's word.

In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

Judges 17:6

In those days there was no king in Israel: <u>every man did that</u> which was right in his own eyes.

Judges 21:25

Ye shall not do after all the things that we do here this day, every man whatsoever is right in his own eyes.

Deuteronomy 12:8

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.

Proverbs 12:15

Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts.

Proverbs 21:2

I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love.

Psalm 119:113

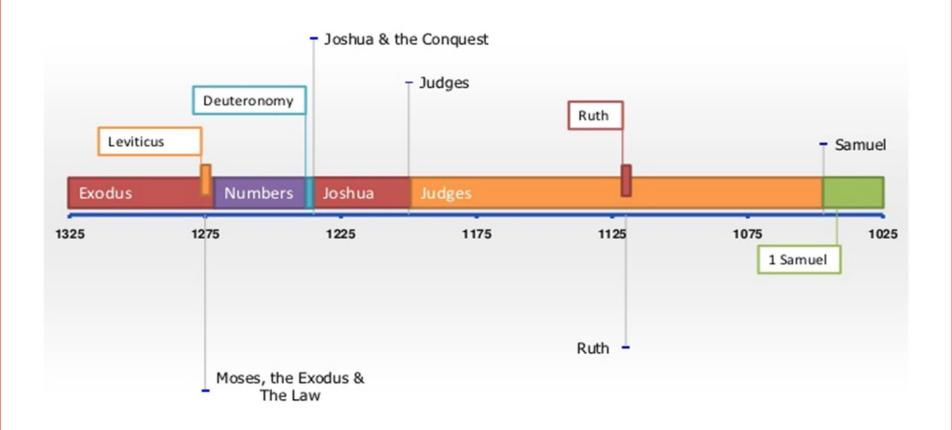
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Make God's words
your thoughts.

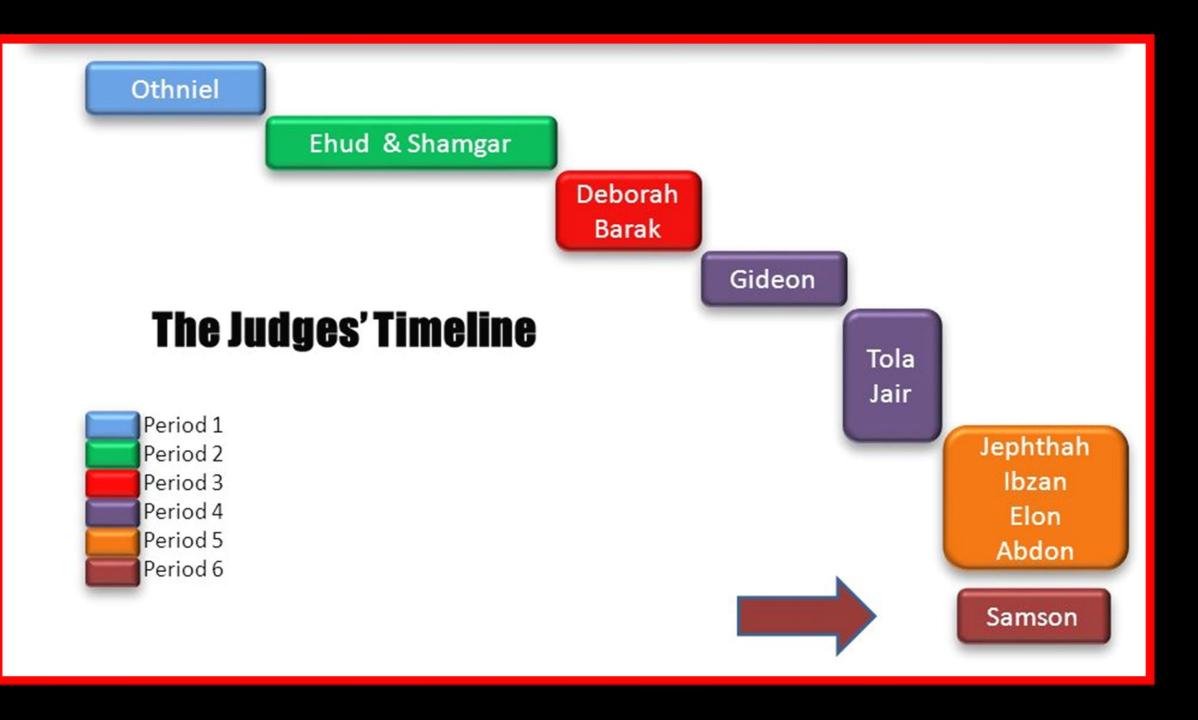
Much more about Vain Thoughts:

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Your heart is the most deceitful and wicked thing you will meet.

Exodus, Conquest, & Judges





Deborah & Barak

God raised up a woman to be a judge.

She was a mighty helper to Barak.

He is in the Hall of Faith.

And Deborah, <u>a prophetess</u>, the wife of Lapidoth, <u>she judged</u> Israel at that time.

Judges 4:4

God made a woman to help a man, and together they can be a mighty team.

And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

Genesis 2:18

A godly man and godly woman in a godly marriage are a power couple.

Think of some power couples.

Abraham & Sarah
Zacharias & Elisabeth
Aquila & Priscilla
Jonathan & Sarah Edwards

And Deborah, <u>a prophetess</u>, the wife of Lapidoth, <u>she judged</u> Israel at that time.

Judges 4:4



Eglon King of Moab im

Cushan-rishathaim King of Mesopotamia Jabin

A Canaanite King

Midian

Abimelech

Philistines & Ammonites

Philistines

Othniel	Ehud	Deborah & Barak	Gideon	Tola Jair
	Shamgar			Jephthah Sampson
				Elon
				Abdon

The Book of Judges

It has 21 chapters.

- 2 chapters are for Deborah.
- 1 chapter is the war history.
- 1 chapter is the victory song.

Deborah & Barak vs. Jabin & Sisera

- 1 And the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD, when Ehud was dead.
- 2 And the LORD sold them into the hand of <u>Jabin king of Canaan</u>, that reigned in Hazor; <u>the captain of whose host was</u> Sisera, which dwelt in Harosheth of the Gentiles.

Judges 4:1-2



Sin will bring God's judgment of pain and trouble into your life.

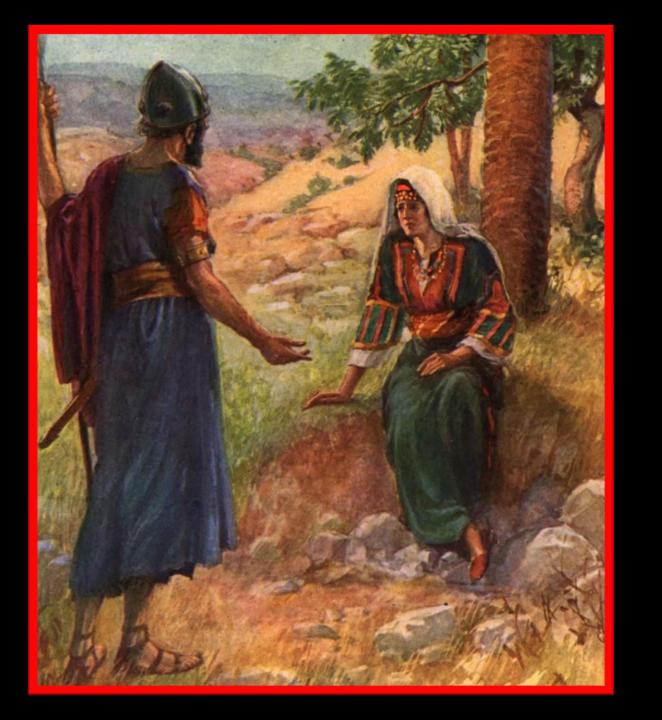
God can sell you, give you over to trouble; or He can sell your enemies. Choose!

- 3 And the children of Israel cried unto the LORD: for he had nine hundred chariots of iron; and twenty years he mightily oppressed the children of Israel.
- 4 And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time.
- 5 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.

Judges 4:3-5

Israel cried to GOD = Repentance

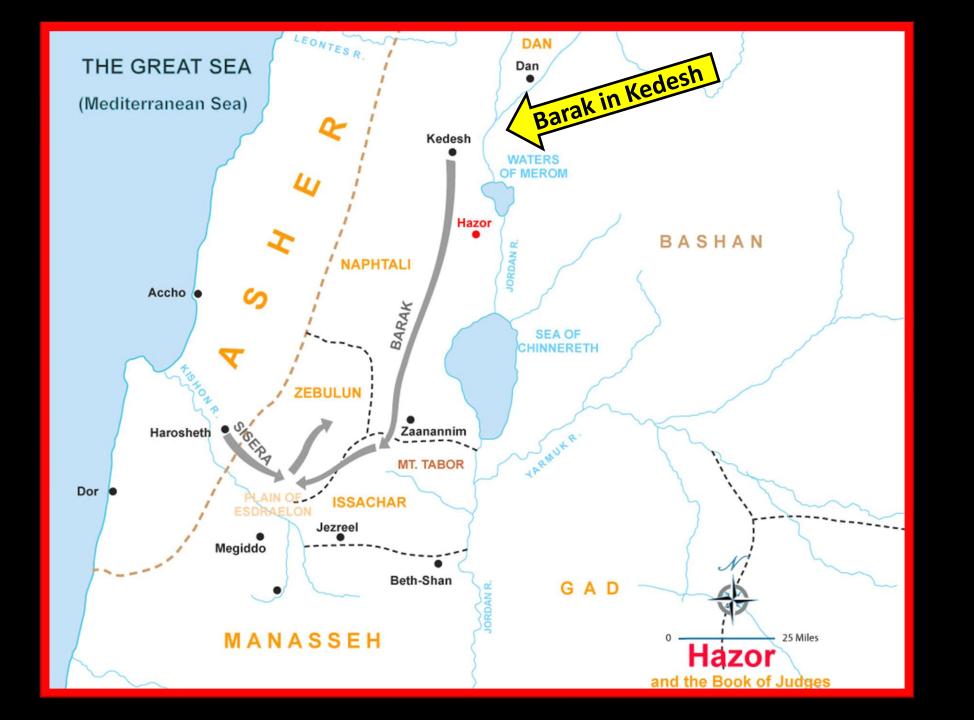
Repentance will save you every time and bring God's blessings you won't believe.



- 6 And she sent and called Barak the son of Abinoam out of Kedeshnaphtali, and said unto him, <u>Hath not the LORD God of Israel commanded</u>, saying, Go and draw toward mount Tabor, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulun?
- 7 And I will draw unto thee to the river Kishon Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude; <u>and</u> I will deliver him into thine hand.

Judges 4:6-7

A man or woman without God's words is worthless and cannot do anything.



And Barak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go: but if thou wilt not go with me, then I will not go.

Judges 4:8

Do not despise Barak ... for he wanted God's prophetess and God's words with him.

Without God's direction and His blessing, no man can succeed at anything.

Having Deborah along was like having Urim and Thummim along.

Two are better than one, especially when one has God's current revelation.

And she said, I will surely go with thee: notwithstanding the journey that thou takest shall not be for thine honour; <u>for the LORD shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman</u>. And Deborah arose, and went with Barak to Kedesh.

Judges 4:9

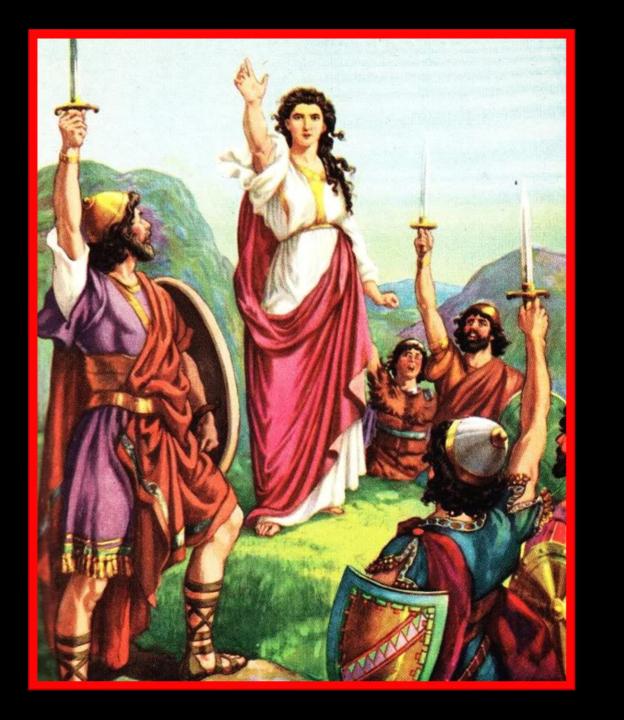
Do not despise Barak ... but the glory would go to a mystery woman God used.

Yes, Barak could have and should have trusted God's words without Deborah along, but he is no worse than Gideon and his fleece games, and both are in the Hall of Faith.

God had sold Israel to Sisera ... but by repentance, He now sold Sisera to a woman.

And Barak called Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and he went up with ten thousand men at his feet: and Deborah went up with him.

Judges 4:10

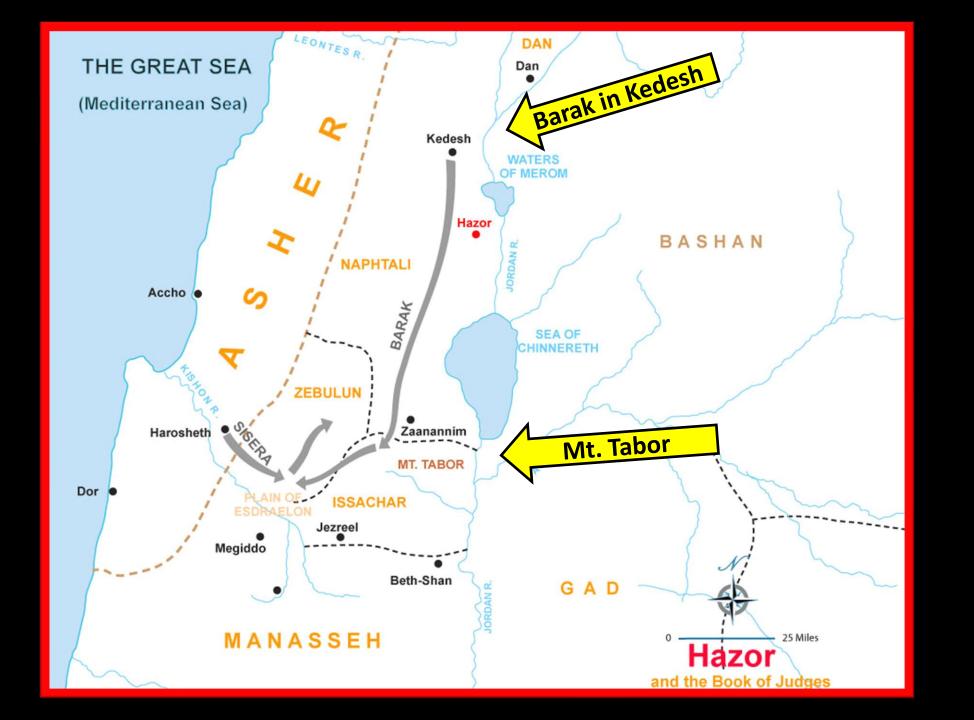


Going up in the Bible is going up in altitude.

Barak went south to Mt. Tabor, but it was up in altitude.

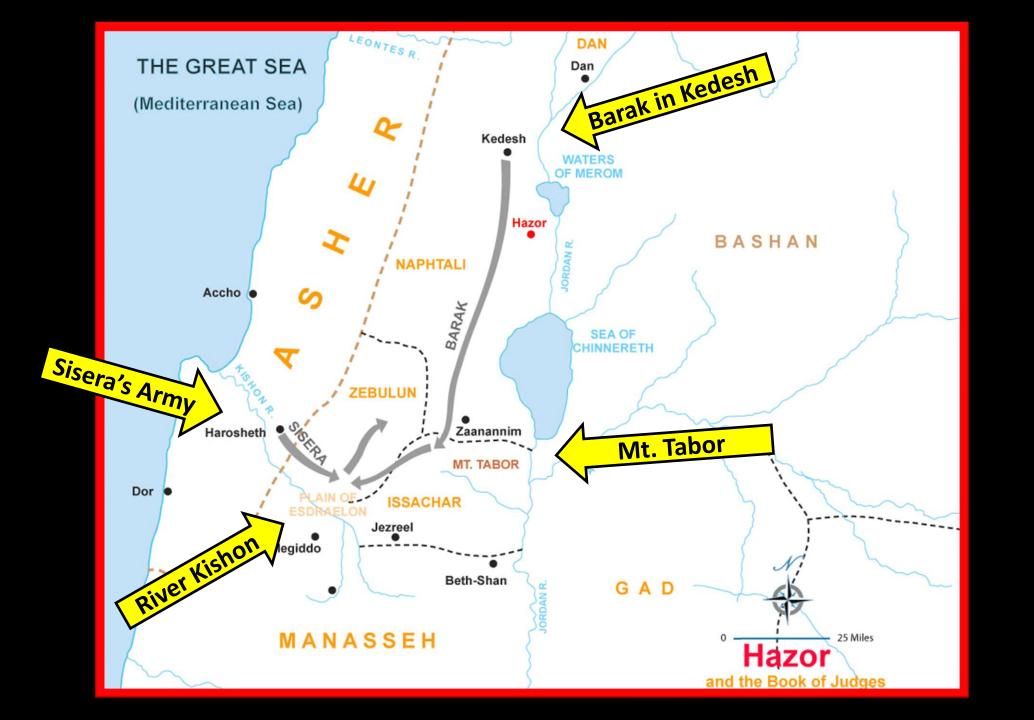
And they shewed Sisera that Barak the son of Abinoam was gone up to mount Tabor.

Judges 4:12



And Sisera gathered together all his chariots, even nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people that were with him, from Harosheth of the Gentiles unto the river of Kishon.

Judges 4:13



STOP!

We must meet a mystery man.

Now Heber the Kenite, which was of the children of Hobab the father in law of Moses, had severed himself from the Kenites, and pitched his tent unto the plain of Zaanaim, which is by Kedesh.

... Heber the Kenite: for <u>there was peace</u> between Jabin the king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite.

Meet our Mystery Man

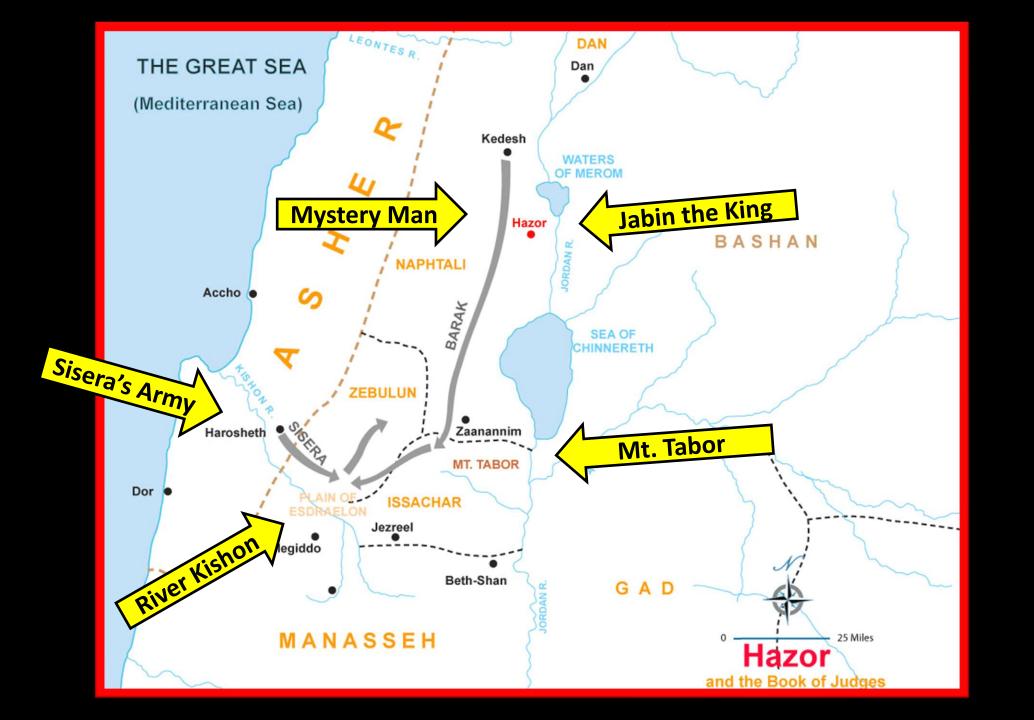
His name was Heber.

He was a grandson of Jethro.

The Kenites lived in Judah (1:16).

But he moved north near Kedesh.

He and king Jabin were friends.



There are no mysteries to God ... only to us. God had long planned to use Heber.

Insider information is God's, and He shares some in the Bible (Dan 2:20-22; Am 3:7).

Tuesday's election results did not surprise God. He planned this outcome.

What was the name of Heber's wife?

We have not been told yet. She is the mystery woman.

Back to the history of Barak and Deborah against Jabin and Sisera.

And Sisera gathered together all his chariots, even nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people that were with him, from Harosheth of the Gentiles unto the river of Kishon.

And Deborah said unto Barak, <u>Up; for this is the day in which</u> the LORD hath delivered Sisera into thine hand: is not the LORD gone out before thee? So Barak went down from mount Tabor, and ten thousand men after him.

A man can do anything when he has a cheerleader with God's inspired words.



And the LORD discomfited Sisera, and all his chariots, and all his host, with the edge of the sword before Barak; so that Sisera lighted down off his chariot, and fled away on his feet.

Judges 4:15

When God fights your battles for you, glorious victory is certain.

But Barak pursued after the chariots, and after the host, unto Harosheth of the Gentiles: and all the host of Sisera fell upon the edge of the sword; and there was not a man left.

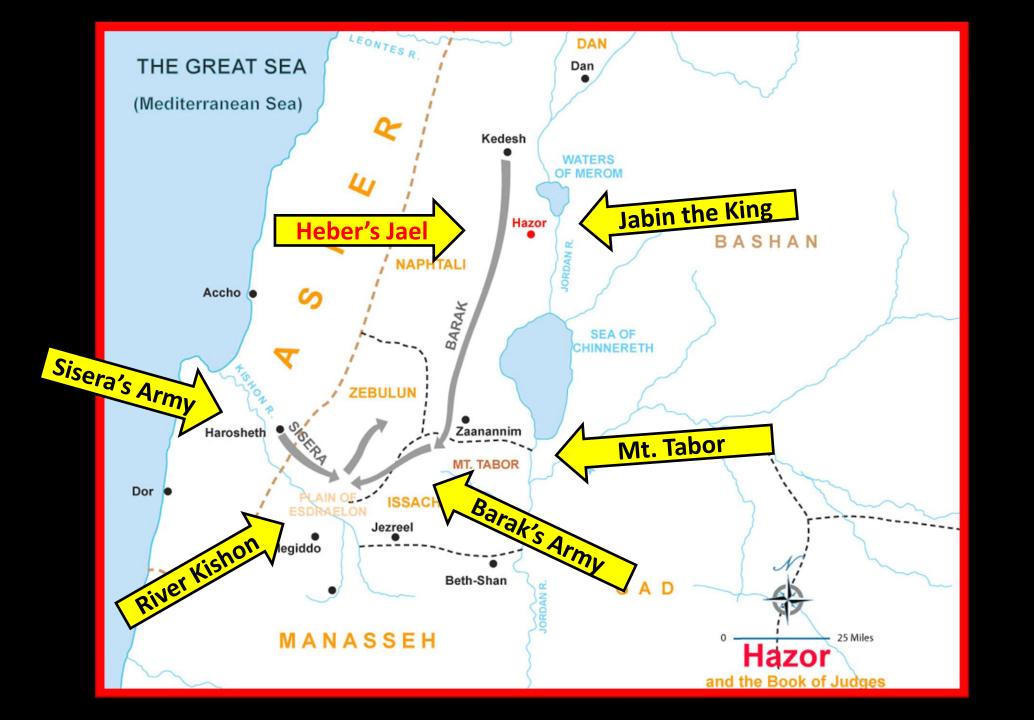


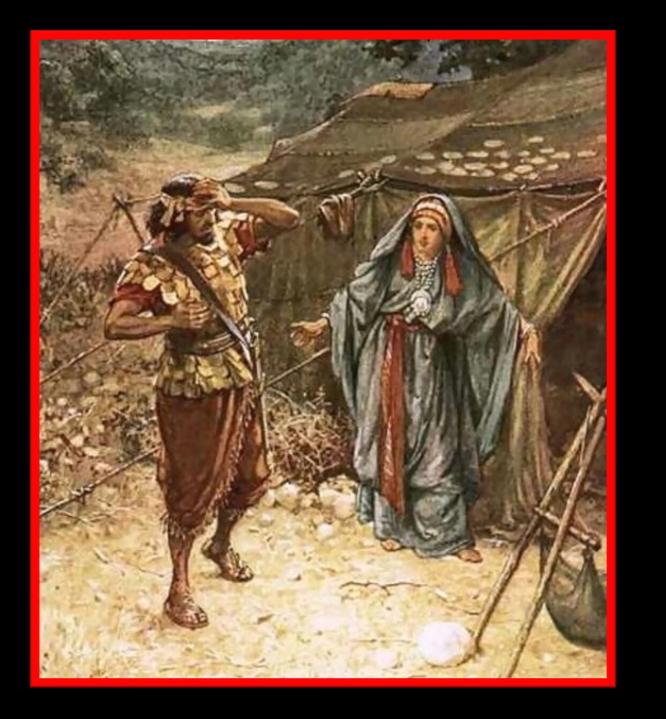
When God gives you an open door, run through it and exploit it fully.

Joash lost God's blessing by only striking the arrows three times.

(II Kings 13:14-19)

Howbeit Sisera fled away on his feet to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite: <u>for there was peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite</u>.





What was the name of Heber's wife?

Jael

Why did Sisera go to Jael's tent?

- 1. Because Heber had moved there.
- 2. Heber and king Jabin had peace.
- 3. God wanted to honor a woman.

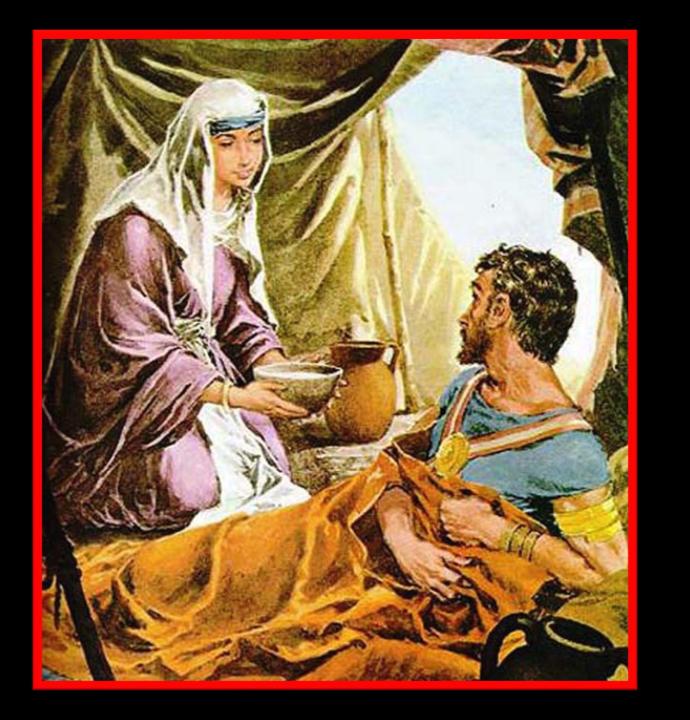
All circumstances (dots) of life, whether nations or persons, are directed by our God.

God planned this special meeting by arranging all the details of it over many years involving many different persons.

And Jael went out to meet Sisera, and said unto him, <u>Turn in, my lord, turn in to me; fear not</u>. And when he had turned in unto her into the tent, she covered him with a mantle.

- 19 And he said unto her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water to drink; for I am thirsty. And she opened a bottle of milk, and gave him drink, and covered him.
- 20 Again he said unto her, Stand in the door of the tent, and it shall be, when any man doth come and enquire of thee, and say, Is there any man here? that thou shalt say, No.

Judges 4:19-20



Are you ready to meet a heroine of the Bible?

One of the most praised women in the Bible?

Jael was exceptional these ways:

She was not terrified.

She did not cry about it.

She did not text Heber.

She was not confused.

She made a good plan.

She was loyal to truth.

She did each step well.

She honored her God.

She honored Heber.

Then Jael Heber's wife took a nail of the tent, and took an hammer in her hand, and went softly unto him, and smote the nail into his temples, and fastened it into the ground: for he was fast asleep and weary. So he died.

Every word of this detailed description should get your attention and pleasure.



What a careful, courageous, and creative woman to honor God's people and her husband.

And, behold, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him, and said unto him, <u>Come, and I will shew thee the man whom thou seekest</u>. And when he came into her tent, behold, Sisera lay dead, and the nail was in his temples.

Judges 4:22



- 23 So God subdued on that day Jabin the king of Canaan before the children of Israel.
- 24 And the hand of the children of Israel prospered, and prevailed against Jabin the king of Canaan, until they had destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.

Judges 4:23-24

You just learned a chapter of the Bible and one of its great events.

God used two women and a man to accomplish His great plan for Israel at that time.

But God inspired more about it.

He inspired a song that takes up all Judges 5.

Barak showed Deborah what was in Jael's tent, and they sang the inspired song of Judges 5.



God did this same thing before.

Exodus 14 is Pharaoh in the Red Sea.

Exodus 15 is Moses' song

and Miriam's dance.

- 1 Then sang Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam on that day, saying,
- 2 Praise ye the LORD for the avenging of Israel, when the people willingly offered themselves.

Judges 5:1-2

The team of Deborah and Barak now sang praise unto God Jehovah.



When God blesses us, He wants us to praise Him.

(Psalm 50:14-15)

When we choose to do God's will, He will bless us.

Some of the song's verses are difficult, and these slides do not cover all. Use this link for more:

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3 Hear, O ye kings; give ear, O ye princes; I, even I, will sing unto the LORD; I will sing praise to the LORD God of Israel.

- We should never be ashamed of our God before the greatest of men.
- All the kings and princes of the earth should fear our glorious LORD.
- Do you like to sing? You should. He created singing for His own glory.
- We recently gave the opportunity to gather our best songs about Him.
- We can sing after the election yesterday. Our God planned the results.

4 LORD, when thou wentest out of Seir, when thou marchedst out of the field of Edom, the earth trembled, and the heavens dropped, the clouds also dropped water.

- After the introduction, they began recounting other great victories.
- Though it was Israel marching to Canaan, it was Jehovah with them.
- God led them around the land of Edom (Esau) on their way to Canaan.
- God's power was with them, and He put fear in their enemies' hearts.
- The elements under God's total control worked with them in battle.

- 6 In the days of Shamgar the son of Anath, in the days of Jael, the highways were unoccupied, and the travellers walked through byways.
- 7 The inhabitants of the villages ceased, they ceased in Israel, until that I Deborah arose, that I arose a mother in Israel.
- Shamgar, an earlier judge, killed 600 Philistines with an ox goad.
- In Shamgar's time and in Jael's time (the present), Israel was afraid.
- They had to travel back roads and hide from their enemies wherever.
- That is until God raised up the great woman Deborah to change things.

8 They chose new gods; then was war in the gates: was there a shield or spear seen among forty thousand in Israel?

- What was the cause of the fear and trouble? Israel's foolish idolatry.
- War is a terrible thing destructive of life, property, and production.
- War is a terrible thing but it is merciful for what idolatry deserves.
- They committed spiritual adultery, which you can do also (James 4:4).
- They lost their ability to fight by disarmament and their fear of men.

9 My heart is toward the governors of Israel, that offered themselves willingly among the people. Bless ye the LORD.

- When leaders get convicted, to lead back to God, good things happen.
- Your heart should be convicted to pray for leaders to lead you rightly.
- Your leaders are husband, father, pastor, and then POTUS and others.
- You should pray for God to move their hearts e.g. Bless ye the LORD.
- David prayed for God to keep Israel's princes always willing for Him.

13 Then he made him that remaineth have dominion over the nobles among the people: the LORD made me have dominion over the mighty.

- God through Barak caused the pitiful Israelites to rule over Canaanites.
- Recall from the history that Barak's army defeated Jabin and Sisera.
- Do you like dominion? Then get on God's side and hold on for the ride.
- God the LORD gave Deborah dominion over the mighty men of valor.
- Recall from the history that Sisera had 900 chariots of iron. So what!

15 And the princes of Issachar were with Deborah; even Issachar, and also Barak: he was sent on foot into the valley. For the divisions of Reuben there were great thoughts of heart.

- Barak and Deborah praised the princes of Issachar for joining them.
- After praising the princes of Issachar, she rebuked the tribe of Reuben.
- There are always doers in every church, and there are do-nothings.
- Reuben's divisions from joining in caused great frustration to others.
- This frustration with Reuben is repeated twice exactly (5:15-16).

18 Zebulun and Naphtali were a people that jeoparded their lives unto the death in the high places of the field.

- Recall from the history that Deborah told Barak of these two tribes.
- The 10,000 man army of the first wave was from these two tribes.
- They risked their lives for the deliverance of the whole nation of Israel.
- They did this while others stayed at home on welfare from the mighty.
- Churches are like this with those addicted to serving and those averse.

20 They fought from heaven; the stars in their courses fought against Sisera.

- Who fought from heaven? The angels of the LORD of hosts! See 5:23.
- God is the LORD of hosts and directs angels to do His work on earth.
- The angels brought a storm that turned Kishon into a foe. See 5:4,21.
- The angels altered the courses of nature to assist the army of Barak.
- Why did Sisera want to get out of chariot and try to escape on foot?

Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the LORD, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the LORD, to the help of the LORD against the mighty.

- Meroz is an unknown place, but the lesson is true without knowing.
- God cursed the people that lived there bitterly for not helping Israel.
- Note here there was an angel involved as we interpreted. See 5:20.
- It was war against a powerful foe. Hard projects call for extra help.
- You either help and get His blessings, or you do not and get cursed.

24 Blessed above women shall Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite be, blessed shall she be above women in the tent.

- The first clause is the highest praise given any woman in all the Bible.
- Mary the mother of Jesus is described as ... blessed among women.
- Jael is the mystery woman that God used to humble Barak. See 4:9.
- Are you only a housewife? Do not despise it. Jael was only a tentwife!
- Jael was the greatest tentwife for using her tent (and stakes) so well!

Jael is blessed above all tentwives.

Housewives can be great.

Like Jael in this story and song.

Like Hannah the wife of Elkanah.

Like the great woman of Shunem.

Like the virtuous woman of Pr 31.

Like Priscilla the wife of Aquila.

Like Sarah of Jonathan Edwards.

For further study about being a great housewife, learn about the great woman of Shunem and the details of the virtuous woman.

25 He asked water, and she gave him milk; she brought forth butter in a lordly dish.

- Jael did her job perfectly. She took care of all details to disarm Sisera.
- He asked for water after running a marathon or longer in great fear.
- She provided a beverage of greater value that would help him sleep.
- She served the creamy milk to him in the best dish she had in the tent.
- He slept soundly with such a gracious hostess and kind refreshment.

26 She put her hand to the nail, and her right hand to the workmen's hammer; and with the hammer she smote Sisera, she smote off his head, when she had pierced and stricken through his temples.

- What a song! About a tentwife using a hammer to hammer Sisera!
- She used the right hand of her might to drive that stake into his head.
- Should we call her Jael the Nail? ... or Jael the Hammer? Glory to God!
- Aha! We learn something extra from the song. She cut off his head!
- After nailing his head to the ground, she severed it from his body.

27 At her feet he bowed, he fell, he lay down: at her feet he bowed, he fell: where he bowed, there he fell down dead.

- With words like these ... is it the chorus? ... how many times repeated?
- Recall from earlier in the song dominion taken over nobles. See 5:13.
- Sisera was truly in the most humble position before Jael the tentwife.
- Where Sisera bowed to Jael, there he stayed ... dead! It is a song!
- Do you love our God that inspired this song? Do you love the Bible?

Should we feel sorry for Sisera's mother?

The mother of Sisera looked out at a window, and cried through the lattice, Why is his chariot so long in coming? why tarry the wheels of his chariots?

- Sisera's mother wondered why he was late coming home from work.
- She looked and longed for him. She cried as she looked in the distance.
- She wanted to know what took his speedy chariot so long to get back.
- He had never taken this long before with such a weak opponent.
- This is an inspired song! Do you understand it mocking this woman?





30 Have they not sped? have they not divided the prey; to every man a damsel or two; to Sisera a prey of divers colours, a prey of divers colours of needlework, of divers colours of needlework on both sides, meet for the necks of them that take the spoil?

- Sisera's mother and her "wise ladies" are the ones talking in the song.
- They are chattering like women can do ... thinking about coming gifts.
- They are even celebrating the capture of Israel's girls for the soldiers.
- Surely there is some fine material coming for new dresses for them.
- They are so very confident in victory and spoil. Think Democrats!

This wicked mother laughed about Sisera giving a virgin or two of Israelite girls to each of his soldiers as sex slaves.

31 So let all thine enemies perish, O LORD: but let them that love him be as the sun when he goeth forth in his might. And the land had rest forty years.

- This song calls for God to destroy all His enemies in such a great way.
- You should love this song and its parts of praise, rebuke, and ridicule.
- But the people of God that truly love Him should be like a sunrise.
- Because of their repentance ... and two women ... they rested 40 yrs.
- Do you love this God? Do you show it by your life? Get ready for glory!

You just learned another chapter of the Bible and a great song.

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Never fear political events, for you have insider information they know nothing about.

We want our girls to be great women in the earth for God's glory and the profit of His kingdom.

We want our girls to be great women that will help men hold fast to the truth.

Any girl or woman can be like Deborah or Jael, though you cannot be pastor or deacon. You can learn the word of God to know the will of God and use it to cheer your husband to greatness.

For further study about being a great housewife, learn about the great woman of Shunem and the details of the virtuous woman, and use the following links.

For Further Study (#1)

- Two Women (sermon outline Deborah and Jael) ... http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/two-great-women.pdf
- Role of the Woman ... http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/role-of-the-woman.pdf
- Proverbs Commentaries Women ... http://www.letgodbetrue.com/proverbs/topics/women.php
- Proverbs 31 Verse by Verse ... http://www.letgodbetrue.com/proverbs/proverbs.php?chapter=31
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- Grading a Woman (scoring quiz) ... http://www.letgodbetrue.com/bible/practical/rate-a-date-women.php
- Great Women and Men (Proverbs 11:16) ... http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/great-women-and-men.pdf
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- Jephthah's Daughter ... http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/jephthah-and-his-daughter.pdf
- Protecting our Daughters ... http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/protecting-our-daughters.pdf
- Ten Mothers & Ten Rules ... http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/mothers-ten-rules.pdf

For Further Study (#2)

- Wisdom of Abigail (commentary and letter) ... https://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/abigail-commentary-letter.pdf
- Marriage Covenant ... http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/marriage-covenant.pdf
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- When Your Husband's a Fool ... http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/when-your-husbands-a-fool-2.pdf.
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