

# **DEBORAH WOMAN OF VALOR!**

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# I. Great Women Of The Bible

# II. The Story Of Deborah

## – Judges 4-5

“And the people of Israel again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord after Ehud died. And the Lord sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan,

~ Judges 4:1-10

who reigned in Hazor. The commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-hagoyim. Then the people of Israel cried out to the Lord for

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help, for he had 900 chariots of iron and he oppressed the people of Israel cruelly for twenty years. Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of

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Lappidoth, was judging Israel at that time. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the

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people of Israel came up to her  
for judgment. She sent and  
summoned Barak the son of  
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and said to him, “Has not the

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army, to meet you by the river  
Kishon with his chariots and his  
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him into your hand’?” 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.” And she said, “I will surely go with

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you. Nevertheless, 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.” Then Deborah arose

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and went with Barak to Kedesh.  
And Barak called out Zebulun  
and Naphtali to Kedesh. And  
10,000 men went up at his  
heels, and Deborah went up  
with him.”

~ Judges 4:1-10

# A. Israel at the time of Judges

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1. Judges in the time between Joshua and Samuel

“In those days there was no king  
in Israel. Everyone did what  
was right in his own eyes.”

~ Judges 21:25



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B. Deborah's Biography

“She sent and *summoned* Barak  
the son of Abinoam from  
Kedesh-naphtali and said to  
him, “*Has not the LORD*, the  
God of Israel, commanded you,

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‘Go, gather your men at Mount Tabor, taking 10,000 from the people of Naphtali and Zebulun. And I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s

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# III. Women Of Valor

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A. God has given every spiritual gift to women as he has to men.

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“We need to reject both sides of the dichotomy-that God doesn’t give women the same gifts he does to men, or that there is no distinction of roles in the church.”

~ JD Greear

“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.”  
And she said, “I will surely go with you. Nevertheless, the road

~ Judges 4:8-9

on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the LORD will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.” Then Deborah arose and went with Barak to Kedesh.”

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“Because the rule of women was not normal in Israel, her prominence implies a lack of qualified and willing men.”

~ Herbert Wolf

“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

~ Judges 4:17-22

house of Heber the Kenite. And  
Jael came out to meet Sisera  
and said to him, “Turn aside, my  
lord; turn aside to me; do not be  
afraid.” So he turned aside

~ Judges 4:17-22

to her into the tent, and she covered him with a rug. And he said to her, “Please give me a little water to drink, for I am thirsty.” So she opened a skin of

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milk and gave him a drink and covered him. And he said to her, “Stand at the opening of the tent, and if any man comes and asks you, ‘Is anyone here?’

~ Judges 4:17-22

say, ‘No.’” 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

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went down into the ground while  
he was lying fast asleep from  
weariness. So he died. And  
behold, as Barak was pursuing  
Sisera, Jael went out to meet

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him and said to him, “Come, and I will show you the man whom you are seeking.” So he went in to her tent, and there lay Sisera dead, with the tent peg in his temple.”

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B. When Men AND  
Women of Valor Lead,  
God's People Rejoice  
in Victory!

“When (that) the leaders took  
the lead in Israel, that the people  
offered themselves willingly,  
bless the LORD!...My heart goes  
out to the

~ Judges 5:1, 9

commanders of Israel who  
offered themselves willingly  
among the people. Bless the  
LORD.”

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“This verb is a feminine singular form (i.e. “she sang”), which

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emphasizes Deborah's role and her prominence over Barak.”

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“Gilead stayed beyond the Jordan; and Dan, why did he stay with the ships? Asher sat still at the coast of the sea, staying by his landings.”

~ Judges 5:17

“The great temptation of men is not to do evil, but to do nothing.”

~ Author Unknown

“We still need men of  
valor! We need men who  
will “Deborah up!”

~ I stole this from JD Greear 😊

“Curse Meroz, says the angel of  
the LORD, curse its inhabitants  
thoroughly, because they did not  
come to the help of the LORD,  
to the help of the LORD

~ Judges 5:23-24

against the might. Most blessed  
of women be Jael...”

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# IV. What Will You Do?

