

Allen Temple Baptist Church

Sunday School Live 

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Sunday October 6, 2024

Title: Godly Partnership Brings Victory

Text: Judges 4:1-10

Devotional Reading: Judges 1- 4

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BACKGROUND

The time of the Judges brought about great apostasy in Israel. The nation underwent political and religious turmoil in effort to possess parts of the land that had not yet been fully conquered. Joshua who led the Israelites into the Land has Died. The nation experienced favor, defeat and redemption by God's hand.

PEOPLE PLACES & TIME

- 1. Deborah: a wife, prophetess, poet and judge who led the Israelites to victory against the Canaanites.**
- 2. Barak: A military commander from the tribe of Naphtali who aided Deborah in the victory.**
- 3. Sisera. Sisera was the general of the Canaanite king Jabin's soldiers, an expert chariot fighter & warrior.**

LESSON INTRODUCTION

- **Israel lived comfortably in peace after triumph over Moab (Judges 3:12–30).**
- **They returned to Idol Worship and were under control by Canaanite troops.**
- **Cities that were previously destroyed by Joshua had been rebuilt as the Canaanites grew stronger.**

LESSON INTRODUCTION

- **Deborah a Prophetess, and Judge was used by God during challenging times. Deborah relayed God's orders to Barak & proceeded in faith.**
- **A partnership appointed by GOD, answered the Israelites call for help. Deborah & Barak lead Israel to victory over the Canaanites with Gods help.**

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- 1. What does God's punishment of Israel tell us about His expectations of his children?**
- 2. Why did the Israelites cry out to God, and what can we learn from it?**
- 3. Why do you think God Chose Deborah for this cause?**

LESSON OUTLINES

- 1. Sisera's Oppression (Judges 4:1-3)**
- 2. Deborah's Inspiration (Judges 4: 4-7)**
- 3. Barak's Hesitation (Judges 4:8-10)**

JUDGES 4:1-2 NIV

1 Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD, now that Ehud was dead.

2. So, the LORD sold them into the hands of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor. Sisera, the commander of his army, was based in Harosheth Haggoyim.

JUDGES 4:3-4 NIV

3. Because he had nine hundred chariots fitted with iron and had cruelly oppressed the Israelites for twenty years, they cried to the LORD for help.

4. Now Deborah, a prophet, the wife of Lappidoth, was leading Israel at that time.

JUDGES 4:5 NIV

5. She held court under the Palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites went up to her to have their disputes decided.

KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

- 1. As a prophetess, Deborah received divine revelations from the Lord.**
- 2. As a judge and leader, Deborah arbitrated legal disputes.**
- 3. Deborah is the only Female listed in the Bible as a Prophetess and Judge.
God appointed her to lead, and she did.**

JUDGES 4:6 NIV

6. She sent for Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, “The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you: ‘Go, take with you ten thousand men of Naphtali and Zebulun and lead them up to Mount Tabor.

JUDGES 4:7-8 NIV

7. I will lead Sisera, the commander of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his troops to the Kishon River and give him into your hands.' ”

8. Barak said to her, “If you go with me, I will go; but if you don't go with me, I won't go.”

JUDGES 4:9 NIV

9“Certainly, I will go with you,” said Deborah. “But because of the course you are taking, the honor will not be yours, for the LORD will deliver Sisera into the hands of a woman.” So, Deborah went with Barak to Kedesh.

JUDGES 4:10 NIV

10. There Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali, and ten thousand men went up under his command. Deborah also went up with him.

LESSON SUMMARY

Christians engaged in spiritual warfare can sometimes follow a cycle of apostasy, oppression, repentance, and deliverance.

When we value our own strength and capabilities over dependence on God. God will eventually cause us to fall, becoming ensnared in bondage.

LIFE APPLICATION

God has specific roles and tasks for his Children to accomplish (Romans 12).

God used Deborah to prepare Barak for his battle with Sisera and God raised him up to be a general.

What role has God prepared you for?

Remember: Where God Guides, God will provide.