

# JUDGES 4 vs 1

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The author of this book is uncertain, some suggest Samuel, the high priest. It was written around 1050-1000bc. The events in the book cover the stormy period of the history of Israel between their return from Egypt until the time a monarchy was set in place. The judges were military and civil leaders during the confederacy of the 12 tribes plus Ephraim and Manasseh who occupied the land promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

## The Book of Judges



Deborah and Barak bring deliverance,

**<sup>1</sup> And again, the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, when Ehud was dead.**

**<sup>2</sup> And the LORD sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the captain of his army was Sisera, who lived in Haro-sheth of the Gentiles.**

**<sup>3</sup> And the children of Israel cried to the LORD: for he had 900 chariots of iron; and he greatly oppressed the children of Israel for twenty years.**

**<sup>4</sup> Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time.**

**<sup>5</sup> And she sat beneath the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim: and the children of Israel came up to her for justice.**

**<sup>6</sup> Now she sent and summoned Barak the son of Abinoam from Kedesh-naphtali, and said to him, Has not the LORD, the God of Israel instructed, saying, Go and march toward Mount Tabor, and take with you 10,000 men of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulun?**

**<sup>7</sup> And I will draw out to you Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army with his chariots and his multitude to the river Kishon; and I will deliver him into your hand.**

**<sup>8</sup> And Barak said to her, If you will go with me, then I will go: but if you will not go with me, then I will not go.**

**<sup>9</sup> And she said, I will surely go with you: notwithstanding the honor on the journey will not be yours; for the LORD will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.**

**And Deborah arose, and went with Barak to Kedesh.**

**<sup>10</sup> And Barak called Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and he went up with 10,000 men: and Deborah went up with him.**

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**<sup>11</sup> Now Heber the Kenite, who separated himself from the Kenites, was of the children of Hobab the father-in-law of Moses, and pitched his tent as far as the plain of Zaananim, which is by Kedesh.**

**<sup>12</sup> Then they told Sisera that Barak the son of Abinoam had gone up to Mount Tabor.**

**<sup>13</sup> And Sisera gathered all his chariots, 900 chariots of iron, and all the people who were with him, from Haro-sheth of the Gentiles to the river Kishon.**

**<sup>14</sup> And Deborah said to Barak, Arise; for this is the day that the LORD has delivered Sisera into your hand: Behold, the LORD has gone out before you? So Barak went down from Mount Tabor, and 10,000 men with him.**

**<sup>15</sup> And the LORD routed Sisera and all his chariots, and all his army, with the edge of the sword before Barak; so that Sisera descended from his chariot, and fled away on foot.**

**<sup>16</sup> But Barak pursued after the chariots, and after the army, to Haro-sheth of the Gentiles: and all the army of Sisera fell by the edge of the sword; and not one man was left.**

**<sup>17</sup> However, Sisera fled away on foot to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite: for peace was between Jabin the king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite.**

**<sup>18</sup> And Jael went out to meet Sisera, and said to him, Turn in, my master, turn in to me; and do not fear. And when he turned into the tent to her, she covered him with a blanket.**

**<sup>19</sup> And he said to her, please give me a little water to drink; for I am thirsty. And she opened a bottle of milk, and gave him drink, and covered him.**

**<sup>20</sup> Again he said to her, Stand in the doorway of the tent, and it will be, if anyone comes and asks of you, and says, Is there anyone here? that you say, No.**

**<sup>21</sup> Then Jael the wife of Heber took a tent peg, and took a hammer in her hand, and went stealthily to him, and drove the peg into his temple, and it went into the ground: for he was sound asleep and exhausted. So he died.**

**<sup>22</sup> And, behold, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him, and said to him, Come, and I will show you the man whom you seek. And when he entered her tent, behold, Sisera lay dead, and the tent peg was in his temple.**

**<sup>23</sup> So God subdued on that day Jabin the king of Canaan before the children of Israel.**

**<sup>24</sup> And the hand of the children of Israel prospered, and prevailed against Jabin the king of Canaan, until they destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.**