

JUDGES 5 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,

¹ Then Deborah sang with Barak the son of Abinoam on that day, saying,

² That Israel's leaders took the lead; that the people willingly offered themselves: bend your knee to the LORD.

³ Listen, O kings; give ear, O rulers; I, even I, sing to the LORD; I sing praises to the LORD, the God of Israel.

⁴ LORD, when You went out from Seir, when You marched from the field of Edom, the earth was quaking, and the heavens were shaking, clouds also dripped water;

⁵ the mountains melted in front of the LORD, even Sinai at the presence of the LORD, the God of Israel.

⁶ In the days of Shamgar the son of Anath, in the days of Jael, the highways were desolate, and travelers walked along byways / the caravans ceased; the wayfarers kept off the main streets.

⁷ The peasants of the hamlets ceased, they ceased in Israel, until I Deborah arose, until I arose a mother in Israel.

⁸ When they chose new gods; then war was in the gates: and not a shield or spear was seen among 40,000 of Israel?

⁹ But Israel has leaders, my heart goes out to them, who offered themselves willingly among the people. Bend your knee to the LORD.

¹⁰ Sing / tell of them... You who ride on your tawny asses, you who sit in judgment, and tramp along the way – Sing!

¹¹ Far from the whizzing of arrows, where the cattle are watered, there they rehearse the righteous deeds of the LORD, even the righteous deeds toward the peasants of His hamlets in Israel: then the people of the LORD went down to the gates.

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¹² Get up, Up, O Deborah: Up, lift up your battle cry: and to your feet, O Barak son of Abinoam, and apprehend your captives.

¹³ The folks of the LORD marched out; and out came all the nobles among the people: for the LORD marched His people like heroes.

¹⁴ Out of Ephraim came a root of them against Amalek; we follow Benjamin, among your people; out of Machir came commanders, out of Zebulun, assistants.

¹⁵ And the princes of Issachar rallied with Deborah; as those of Naphtali backed up Barak: as he raced on foot into the valley.

But in Reuben there were divisions and great thoughts of heart / there were debates.

¹⁶ Why do you lounge among the sheepfolds, with only an ear for the bleating of the flocks? For the divisions of Reuben there was great searching of heart.

¹⁷ Gilead stayed east of the Jordan: and why did Dan remain in their ships? Asher sat still by the seashore, clinging to their streams.

¹⁸ But Zebulun – the clan risked life and death, with Naphtali exposed in the open field.

¹⁹ On came the kings, came at them and fought, then fought the kings of Canaan in Taanach by the streams of Megiddo; yet they took no gain for it.

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

²¹ The river Kishon swept the foes away, that ancient river, the river Kishon in their faces. O my soul, You trampled them in Your might.

²² Then thudded the broken hoofs of horses; broken as the mighty chargers dashed away.

²³ Cursed is Meroz, said the angel of the LORD,

curse you bitterly its inhabitants; because you did not come to the help of the LORD,

to the help of the LORD against the mighty.

²⁴ Most blessed of women is Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite, Most blessed is she above the Bedouin women in the tent.

²⁵ He asked for water, and she gave him milk; she brought him curds in a splendid dish.

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²⁶ She reached out her hand for a tent peg, and her right hand for the worker's hammer; and with the hammer she struck Sisera, she smashed his head, when she pierced and shattered his temple.

²⁷ Between her feet he bowed, he fell, he lay: between her feet he bowed, he fell: and where he bowed, there he fell dead.

²⁸ Out of the window she looked and lamented; the mother of Sisera through the lattice, Why is his chariot so long in coming? Why do the hoofbeats of his chariot delay?

²⁹ Her wise ladies answered her, yes, she repeats the answer to herself,

³⁰ Have they not sped away? have they not divided the spoils; to every warrior a lady or two; to Sisera spoils of divers colors, spoils of divers colors of needlework, of divers colors of needlework on both sides, suitable for the necks of the spoiler?

³¹ **So let all Your enemies perish, O LORD:** but let those who love You be as the sun when it goes forth in its might. And the land was at peace forty years.

JESUS it is YOU

YOU ARE HOLY – Joshua Aaron

The Mountain of Moses – Sinai in Arabia

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The Rival Conceptions of God – Bk 2,Chp1; CSLewisDoodle

Origins: Creation Genetics – one race

Dr James Tour: The Mystery of the Origin of Life

Every Praise

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