

THE WOMAN GOD USED IN DIFFICULT TIMES

SHE WAS HAND CHOSEN OF GOD: HER NAME WAS DEBORAH!



I. WHO WAS THIS WOMAN?

JDG 4:4 AND DEBORAH, A PROPHETESS, THE WIFE OF LAPIDOTH, SHE JUDGED ISRAEL AT THAT TIME.

- ***SHE WAS A PROPHETESS = GOD SPOKE THROUGH HER.***
- ***SHE WAS MARRIED.***
- ***SHE WAS A JUDGE = COMPARABLE TO PRIME MINISTER***

II. HOW DID GOD USE HER?

- **GOD SPOKE THROUGH HER!**

JDG 4:6 AND SHE SENT AND CALLED BARAK THE SON OF ABINOAM OUT OF KEDESHNAPHTALI, AND SAID UNTO HIM, HATH NOT THE LORD GOD OF ISRAEL COMMANDED, *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?

JDG 4:7 ... AND I WILL DELIVER HIM INTO THINE HAND.

SHE WAS COURAGEOUS!

JDG 4:8-9 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.** SHE SAID, I WILL SURELY GO WITH THEE: NOTWITHSTANDING THE JOURNEY THAT THOU TAKEST SHALL NOT BE FOR THINE HONOUR; FOR THE LORD SHALL SELL SISERA INTO THE HAND OF A WOMAN.

JDG 4:10 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.

SHE WAS BETRAYED.

JDG 4:11 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.

JDG 4:12 AND **THEY SHEWED SISERA THAT BARAK THE SON OF ABINOAM WAS GONE UP TO MOUNT TABOR.**

THE NUMERICAL ODDS WERE OVERWHELMING.

JDG 4:13 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.

900 CHARIOTS OF IRON  COMPARABLE TO 900 TANKS TO 0

DEBORAH WAS A MOTIVATOR!

JDG 4:14 AND DEBORAH SAID UNTO BARAK, UP; FOR THIS /S THE DAY IN WHICH **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.

DEBORAH WAS A LEADER.

JDG 4:15-16 **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. 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.**

III. HOW DID GOD HONOR DEBORAH?

THROUGH ANOTHER WOMAN = JAEL

- **SHE WAS HOSPITABLE. 4:18-19**
- **SHE WAS WISE. 4:20**
- **SHE WAS COURAGEOUS. 4:21**

GOD ALSO HONORED DEBORAH BEFORE THE WORLD.

JDG 4:24 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.

- **PROSPERED = WALKED IN PROSPEROUS BLESSING**
- **PREVAILED = WALKED IN STRONG DOMINANCE**
- **PUNISHED = DESTROYED THE CANAANITE KING**

GOD USED THIS WOMAN PROVIDENTIALLY!

- **FOR THE NEXT GENERATION, ISRAEL HAD EACE FOR 40 YEARS.**
- **JDG 5:31 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.**

DURING THIS INVITATION TODAY

- **LADIES OVER 50, PLEASE GO TO A YOUNGER WOMAN & PRAY OVER HER.**
- **MEN & CHILDREN WILL SING AS YOU PRAY OVER THEM.**
- **OTHER DECISIONS CAN BE MADE AT THE ALTAR TOO.**