

The Book Of Judges Reading Plan Week 4 Review



This week took us through 2 very intriguing, but difficult chapters. There was war, violence, death... and then a powerful song. Wow. It's a lot to review, stay with it.

Judges 4 and 5

1. The 80 years of peace had been a blessing for Israel. What brought the end to this peace?
2. In verses 1-3: What describes the strength of Canaan?
3. Deborah was a prophetess. As a prophet was a 'spokesman' for God, so Deborah was chosen to be a 'spokeswoman' for God to the people of Israel. God will raise up who He wants to accomplish the task at hand.
4. In verses 6-7, what did the Lord reveal to Deborah about Barak?
5. Verses 8-9: How interesting, why do you think Barak didn't want to lead the battle without Deborah's presence? What did Deborah tell Barak would be the consequence of her going with him?
6. Verse 11 at first appears to be a random line of information. However, verse 17 gives us the full reason.

7. Verse 12-16: How intimidating the 900 iron chariots must have been. What does Deborah do to encourage Barak's faith?
8. At this moment we may wonder how God threw the Canaanite army and their charioteers into confusion. Judges 5:20-21 indicate God sent a great storm that flooded the field which would have bogged down the chariots. Israel's army was ready to pounce on them.
9. The story of Jael(17-24) Why do you think she decided to kill Sisera? What did giving him milk instead of water seem to do?
10. Judges 5:24 calls her "blessed." God is not condoning murder. This was war and Jael assisted Israel in defeating a cruel army who had Israel in bondage for 20 years.
11. Judges 5 is a song/poem of Deborah that Barak must have either help compose or sing with Deborah. The song walks through the great victory. Within this are great lessons. What does verse 2 and 9 teach about leaders and followers?
12. 5:7-8 describes Israel's citizens under the oppression of Canaan. Villages were deserted, people hid, weapons were confiscated.
13. Verse 13-18 highlight tribes of Israel who assisted in the victory and those who did not. Ephraim, West Manasseh, Benjamin, Zebulun, Issachar, and Naphtali are praised. Reuben, East Manasseh, Dan, and Asher did not join in the battle and were shamed. A lesson: There are Christians who serve and there are those who sit and watch. Which are you?
14. Verses 28-30 are descriptive of Deborah somewhat gloating in the victory over Sisera. What does she say about Sisera's mother to highlight the victory
15. The summary of Judges 4 and 5 - verse 31. How long did God grant peace? Go ahead and guess what Israel will do after this time. We will pick this up next week.