

The Song of Deborah (Judges 5)

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Introduction

Othniel (3:7-11)

Ehud (3:12-30)

Shamgar judged Israel (3:31)

Deborah (4:1-23)

Exposition: The Song of Deborah and the time of rest that followed (Judges 5:1-31)

Deborah and Barak sang the Song of Deborah (5:1)

Praise for the Lord Gathering the army for victory (5:2-11)

Blessing the Lord for motivating leaders to lead and people to follow (5:2)

Deborah praises the Lord (5:3)

Excursus on praise

Deborah recalls prior victories by the Lord (5:4-5)

Normal everyday life had ceased under Jabin's oppression until Deborah (5:6-7)

Idolatry led to their servitude (5:8)

Deborah praised leaders and followers (5:9-11)

Deborah praises the Lord for the victory (5:12-18)

Calling Deborah and Barak to lead (5:12)

Praise for the tribes who responded (5:13-15)

Curses for the tribes that did not respond (5:16-17)

Praise for tribes who responded (5:18)

Deborah praises the Lord for the defeat of the Canaanites (5:19-30)

Praise for the Lord sending rain to mire the chariots along the Kishon (5:19-22)

A curse on Meroz (5:23)

A blessing upon Jael (5:24-27)

A word about those lamenting Sisera (5:28-30)

Curses and Blessings [recalling Genesis 12:3] (5:31a)

Forty years of rest (5:31b)

Conclusion