

**“Historical Books Of The Bible”**  
**Judges 4-5**  
**Wednesday January 23, 2013**

**Judges 4:1-9**

**Judges 3 – The first 3 Judges**

**The 1<sup>st</sup> Judge – Othniel: Godly Background Who Was Spirit filled**

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Judge – Ehud: A Defective Man**

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Judge – Shamgar: A Pagan Peasant**

**The 4<sup>th</sup> Judge “Deborah & Barak”**

**Judges 4:1-24 Deborah & Barak**

**Judges 5:1-31 Deborah’s Song**

**Judges 4:1-24 Deborah & Barak:**

Judges 4: 1-3 – Repeated Cycle: Judges 4: 1

John 8: 34

Judges 4: 2-3

“he oppressed the sons of Israel severely for twenty years.” – (Problem was not military but spiritual)

Judges 4: 4-9 – Deborah And Barak: Judges 4: 4

“a prophetess,” – A prophet is one who declares the mind and will of God to the people. She is only 1 of very few women to hold that title – Miriam (Ex 15:20), Huldah (2 Kings 22:14-20), Anna at the temple (Luke 2:36) & Phillip’s daughters (Acts 21:8-9)

Genesis 3: 16 – desire – “to master, to rule, control”

Judges 4: 5-6

A Command from God! – “the God of Israel, has commanded.”

Barak, Gather 10,000 Soldiers: “take with you ten thousand men”

God’s Promise! Judges 4: 7

Judges 4:8

Hebrews 11:32

1 Kings 2:2-3

Joshua 1:6-9 – “to be strong and courageous.” True courage comes from a dependence upon God and obedience to His commands! Rom 8:31

Judges 4:9

Judges 4:10-16 – The Battle: Judges 4:10-12

Kenites – were descendants from Moses’ father-in-law.

Judges 4:13-15

Judges 5:20-21

In the midst of the battle, God brought a complete downpour – torrents of water. Water causes mud, and mud causes the wheels of the chariots to get bogged down.

Judges 4:16

Judges 4:17-24 Sisera’s Death

**Judges 5:1-31 Deborah’s Song:** This song in chapter 5 reveals details that were left out in the narrative of the battle in Judges 4.

Music has a way of memorializing events: The national anthem

Psalm 96:1-4

Rev 14:3; Ps 22:3 – “But You are holy, enthroned in the praises of Israel.”

Judges 5:1

Verses 2-3 – Bless The Lord When Leaders Lead: Judges 5:2 volunteered, (eagerly, freewill)

Spontaneous Response: God is looking for willing men and women to stand up, take the lead and He will do wonderful things through them.

Judges 5:3

Verses 4-5 – God’s Intervention

Verses 6-9 – The Period Of Difficulties: Judges 5: 6-7

Judges 5: 8 – “New gods were chosen;”

Judges 5: 9

Verses 10-12 – Peace After The Battle

Verses 13-18 – List Of Those Who Fought: Judges 5: 13-17

A lack of true fellowship means a lack of enthusiasm for God’s work! (Ruben, Gadites, Manasseh)

Deuteronomy 20: 8

2 Corinthians 9: 7

Judges 5: 18

Verses 19-23 – A Recount Of The Battle

Judges 5: 31 – We are serving the Lord! Doing it for Jesus Christ!

Verses 24-27 – Jael’s Killing of Sisera

Verses 28-30 – Overconfidence Of Sisera’s Army

Verse 31 – Final Exhortation

**Application:**

1. Judges Is The Book Of Defeat. Jesus Said, “Everyone Who Commits Sin Is The Slave Of Sin.”
2. True Courage Comes From A Dependence Upon God And Obedience To His Commands.
3. God Is Looking For Willing Men And Women To Stand Up, Take The Lead, And He Will Do Wonderful Things Through Them.