

THE BOOK OF JUDGES

ISRAEL IN THE TIME OF THE JUDGES
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JUDGES CHAPTER 4:1-24

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"CAN THE LORD USE YOU ?"

*ISRAEL DURING THE PERIOD OF THE JUDGES
AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATION*

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Introduction to the Text;

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Statement of Textual Summation and Theme

CAN THE LORD USE YOU?

1.) The Lord Has *Placed* You for These Days v.1-7

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HE HAS PLACED YOU INTO THESE DAYS...

1a.) But What If There's *Difficult* Days ? v. 1-2

The War We're In

Judges 4:1-7

When Ehud was dead, the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD. :2 So the LORD sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor. The commander of his army was Sisera, who dwelt in Harosheth Hagoyim.

HE HAS PLACED YOU INTO THESE DAYS...

1b.) But What If I Don't Have What It Takes ? v.3

:3 And the children of Israel cried out to the LORD; because Jabin had nine hundred chariots of iron, and for twenty years he had harshly oppressed the children of Israel

HE HAS PLACED YOU INTO THESE DAYS...

1c.) But What Will Others Think and Say ? v. 4-7

:4 Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lap-i-doth, was judging Israel at that time. :5 And she would sit under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the mountains of Ephraim. And the children of Israel came up to her for judgment. :6 Then she sent and called for Barak the son of Abi-no-am from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "Has not the LORD God of Israel commanded, 'Go and deploy troops at Mount Tabor; take with you ten thousand men of the sons of Naphtali and of the sons of Zebulun; :7 and against you I will deploy Sisera, the commander of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude at the River Kishon; and I will deliver him into your hand?'"

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2.) The Lord has Invested His Word into Your Life v.8-16

HE HAS INVESTED HIS WORD IN YOU...

2a.) By Calling You Into His Kingdom v. 8-9a

Deborah had no doubts about the
Lord Keeping His word

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And Barak said to her, "If you will go with me, then I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go!" :9 So she said, "I will surely go with you..."

HE HAS INVESTED HIS WORD IN YOU...

2b.) *By Imbedding His Truth in Your Heart* v. 9b

:9b nevertheless there will be no glory for you in the journey you are taking, for the LORD will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman." Then Deborah arose and went with Barak to Kedesh.

HE HAS INVESTED HIS WORD IN YOU...

2c.) *By Arranging His Events in My Life* v. 10-16

:10 And Barak called Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; he went up with ten thousand men under his command, and Deborah went up with him. :11 ¶ Now Heber the Kenite, of the children of Hobab the father-in-law of Moses, had separated himself from the Kenites and pitched his tent near the terebinth tree at Zaanaim, which *is* beside Kedesh. :12 And they reported to Sisera that Barak the son of Abinoam had gone up to Mount Tabor. :13 So Sisera gathered together all his chariots, nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people who *were* with him, from Harosheth Hagoyim to the River Kishon. :14 Then Deborah said to Barak, "Up! For this *is* the day in which the LORD has delivered Sisera into your hand. Has not the LORD gone out before you?" So Barak went down from Mount Tabor with ten thousand men following him. :15 And the LORD routed Sisera and all *his* chariots and all *his* army with the edge of the sword before Barak; and Sisera alighted from *his* chariot and fled away on foot. :16 But Barak pursued the chariots and the army as far as Harosheth Hagoyim, and all the army of Sisera fell by the edge of the sword; not a man was left.

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3.) *The Lord Has Ordered for You His Victories* v.17-24

HE HAS ORDERED FOR YOU, HIS VICTORIES

3a.) *The Lord will Bring the Battles to You* v. 17-18

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However, Sisera had fled away on foot to the tent of Jael, the wife of Heber the Keenite; for *there was* peace between Jabin king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Keenite. :18 And Jael went out to meet Sisera, and said to him, “Turn aside, my lord, turn aside to me; do not fear.” And when he had turned aside with her into the tent, she covered him with a blanket.

HE HAS ORDERED YOU, HIS VICTORIES

3b.) *The Lord will fight the fight* v. 19-20

Then he said to her, “Please give me a little water to drink, for I am thirsty.” So she opened a jug of milk, gave him a drink, and covered him. :20 And he said to her, “Stand at the door of the tent, and if any man comes and inquires of you, and says, “Is there any man here?’ you shall say, ‘No.’ ”

HE HAS ORDERED YOU, HIS VICTORIES

3c.) *The Lord will cause our faith to grow* v. 21-24

Then Jael, Heber’s wife, took a tent peg and took a hammer in her hand, and went softly to him and drove the peg into his temple, and it went down into the ground; for he was fast asleep and weary. So he died. :22 And then, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him, and said to him, “Come, I will show you the man whom you seek.” And when he went into her *tent*, there lay Sisera, dead with the peg in his temple. :23 So on that day God subdued Jabin king of Canaan in the presence of the children of Israel. :24 And the hand of the children of Israel grew stronger and stronger against Jabin king of Canaan, until they had destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.

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