
Old Testament Israel: Law, **Judges**, Kingdoms

Story of Deborah

Scripture Judges 4-5

- Judges 4:1-3** The oppression
Judges 4:4-10 Deborah and Barak
Judges 4:11-13 Sisera comes to attack
Judges 4:14-16 The army's defeat
Judges 5:3-5 Believed to indicate a Christophany – an OT incarnation of Christ.
Judges 5:4b, 21a Routing of Sisera's army by torrential flooding
Judges 4:17-22 Jael, Heber's wife, slays Sisera
Judges 4:23-24, 31b Defeat of Jabin, King of Canaan – 40 years of peace.

Discussion:

Note Judges 4:11 and compare with Exodus 18 (esp. vs 27) – contradiction in Scripture or impartial account of life of Jethro?

Open Question:

A woman prophet and judge – how does that play into NT restrictions of women in church leadership?

