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JUDGES

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**HOW TO LIVE & MOVE
IN TIME OF CRISIS AND
DARK DAYS?**




LIVE STRONG

The Story of GIDEON

JUDGES 6 & 7

PART 1



LIVE LARGER

The Story of DEBORAH & BARAK

JUDGES 4 & 5
PART 2

*And the people of Israel again **did what was evil** in the sight of the Lord **after Ehud died**. ² And the Lord sold them into **the hand of Jabin king of Canaan**, who reigned in Hazor. **The commander of his army was Sisera**, who lived in Harosheth-hagoyim. ³ Then the people of Israel cried out to the Lord for help, for he had **900 chariots of iron** and he **oppressed the people of Israel cruelly for twenty years**.*

Judges 4:1-3 ESV

The background of the image is a dense, vibrant green pattern of palm fronds. The leaves are long, narrow, and pointed, creating a complex, overlapping texture. The colors range from a bright, almost yellow-green to a deep, forest green, suggesting a tropical or subtropical environment. The lighting is bright, highlighting the veins and edges of the leaves.

Background

**WHAT WORLD WERE
THE PEOPLE LIVING IN?**



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of Jabin king of Canaan
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**WHO WAS DEBORAH?
AND
HOW DID SHE LIVE?**

1. A PROPHETESS

Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel at that time.

2. A WIFE

Judges 4:4 ESV

“bee”

“burning torch”

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1. A PROPHETESS

Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel at that time. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the people of Israel came up to her for judgment.

2. A WIFE

3. A JUDGE

Judges 4:4-5 ESV

WHO WAS BARAK?



**The Commander of
the army of Israel**

“flash of lightning”

She sent and summoned Barak the son of Abinoam from Kedesh-naphtali and said to him, “Has not the Lord, the God of Israel, commanded you, ‘Go, gather your men at Mount Tabor, taking 10,000 from the people of Naphtali and the people of Zebulun. And I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the river Kishon with his chariots and his troops, and I will give him into your hand’?”

Judges 4:6-7 ESV

*Barak said to her, “**If you will go with me, I will go, but if you will not go with me, I will not go.**” And she said, “**I will surely go with you.** Nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.” Then Deborah arose and went with Barak to Kedesh.*

Judges 4:8-9 ESV

³²And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, **Barak**, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— ³³**who through faith** conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

Hebrews 11:32-34 ESV

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Judges 4:9 ESV

*¹⁰And Barak called out Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh. And 10,000 men went up at his heels, and **Deborah went up with him.***

*¹¹Now **Heber the Kenite** had separated from the Kenites, the descendants of Hobab the father-in-law of Moses, and had pitched his tent as far away as the oak in Zaanannim, which is near Kedesh.*

Judges 4:10-11 ESV

¹² *When **Sisera** was told that Barak the son of Abinoam had gone up to Mount Tabor, ¹³ **Sisera called out** all his chariots, 900 chariots of iron, and all the men who were with him, from Harosheth-hagoyim to the river Kishon.*

¹⁴ *And **Deborah** said to Barak, “**Up!** For this is the day in which **the Lord** has given Sisera into your hand. Does not **the Lord** go out before you?” So **Barak** went down from Mount Tabor with 10,000 men following him.*

Judges 4:12-14 ESV

*¹⁵And **the Lord** routed Sisera and all his chariots and all his army before Barak by the edge of the sword. And **Sisera** got down from his chariot and **fled away on foot.** ¹⁶And **Barak** pursued the chariots and the army to Harosheth-hagoyim, and all the army of Sisera fell by the edge of the sword; not a man was left.*

Judges 4:15-16 ESV

¹⁷But Sisera fled away on foot to the tent of Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite, for there was peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite. ¹⁸And Jael came out to meet Sisera and said to him, “Turn aside, my lord; turn aside to me; do not be afraid.” So he turned aside to her into the tent, and she covered him with a rug.

Judges 4:17-22 ESV

¹⁹And he said to her, “Please give me a little water to drink, for I am thirsty.” So she opened a skin of milk and gave him a drink and covered him. ²⁰And he said to her, “Stand at the opening of the tent, and if any man comes and asks you, ‘Is anyone here?’ say, ‘No.’”

Judges 4:19-22 ESV

²¹***But Jael the wife of Heber took a tent peg, and took a hammer in her hand. Then she went softly to him and drove the peg into his temple until it went down into the ground while he was lying fast asleep from weariness. So he died.***

²²***And behold, as Barak was pursuing Sisera, Jael went out to meet him and said to him, “Come, and I will show you the man whom you are seeking.” So he went in to her tent, and there lay Sisera dead, with the tent peg in his temple.***

Judges 4:21-22 ESV



WHO WAS JAEEL?

- Jael was the wife of Heber the Kenite (V11)
- Jael was a housewife (V17)



Judges 5 The Song of Deborah and Barak

“... And the land had rest for forty years.”

Judges 5:31b ESV

HOW TO LIVE LARGER IN TIME OF CRISIS & DARK DAYS?

*Deborah was a wife, but also a prophetess and a judge;
Barak was the commander of the army of Israel;
Jael was just a housewife.*

GOD WANTS YOU TO

1. RISE TO YOUR CALLING

GOD WANTS YOU TO BE

**2. GUIDED & ACT
ACCORDING TO HIS WORD**

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Judges 4:6-7 ESV

“Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; 2 but his delight is in the law of the Lord and on his law he meditates day and night.”

Psalm 1:1-2 ESV

HOW TO LIVE LARGER IN TIME OF CRISIS & DARK DAYS?

GOD WANTS YOU

1) TO RISE UP TO YOUR CALLING;

2) TO BE GUIDED AND ACT ACCORDING TO HIS WORD

GOD WANTS YOU TO

3. LIVE A LARGER LIFE

Deborah Lived a Larger Life;

So was Barak ;

So was Jael!

*13 Then down marched the remnant of the noble; the people of the Lord
marched down for me against the mighty. 14 From **Ephraim** their root they
marched down into the valley, following you, **Benjamin**, with your kinsmen;
from **Machir** marched down the commanders, and from **Zebulun** those
who bear the lieutenant's staff; 15 the **princes of Issachar** came with
Deborah, and **Issachar** faithful to Barak; into the valley they rushed at his
heels. Among the **clans of Reuben** there were great searchings of heart.*

Judges 5:13-15 ESV

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TIME OF CRISIS & DARK
DAYS?**

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- 1. RISE UP to Your Calling;**
- 2. Be GUIDED And ACT According to His WORD;**
- 3. LIVE a LARGER LIFE**



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