

Study QUESTIONS

Ep.1385: Who Was Deborah and Why Should We Care?

See:



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1. What was the situation in Israel after the judge, Ehud, died? (Judges 3:7-12, 4:1-3)
 - a. What was the repeated pattern in ancient Israel?
 - b. Why did Israel wait 20 years to call out to God this time? Where is there danger like this for us?
2. What were the various responsibilities Deborah handled? (Judges 4:4-5)
 - a. Why was this unusual in her time?
 - b. How did Deborah show wisdom and humility during this time of oppression by the Canaanites?
3. What was the message Deborah gave to Barak? (Judges 4:5-9)
 - a. What was his response?
 - b. How did Deborah react to Barak's request? What does this tell us about her faith and her leadership?
4. How did the battle go between Barak, Sisera and their armies? (Judges 4:10-16, 5:5, 19-22)
 - a. Did the Lord "trick" Sisera? Explain.
 - b. How did Deborah bring courage and stability to the situation?
 - c. Do you feel as confident moving forward in your spiritual life? Why or why not?
 - d. Do you fear technological advancements like AI? Why or why not?
5. Why does Sisera flee to Heber's tent? Who was Jael? How did she fulfill God's prophecy? (Judges 4:11,17-22)
6. What qualities made Deborah an effective leader in legal, spiritual and military arenas? (Judges 4 and 5)
 - a. What do you most admire about her? How can you apply her example to your life?
 - b. How can you "be in position" like Deborah to be used by God for His purposes? (2 Timothy 2:21, Isaiah 6:8)
7. What role does trust in God's promises play in your life in overcoming life's challenges? (Romans 8:31)
 - a. Describe what the phrase, "The Lord has already gone out ahead of you!" (Judges 4:14), means to you.
 - b. How will it affect your approach to troubled situations?
8. What in Deborah's story is relevant to you today? What does it teach about faith, courage and obedience?