

# Judges 5

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## **The Song of Deborah**

- 1** Then sang Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam on that day, saying,
  - 2** Praise ye the LORD for the avenging of Israel, when the people willingly offered themselves.
  - 3** Hear, O ye kings; give ear, O ye princes; I, even I, will sing unto the LORD; I will sing praise to the LORD God of Israel.
  - 4** LORD, when thou wentest out of Seir, when thou marchedst out of the field of Edom, the earth trembled, and the heavens dropped, the clouds also dropped water.
  - 5** The mountains melted from before the LORD, even that Sinai from before the LORD God of Israel.
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- 6** In the days of Shamgar the son of Anath, in the days of Jael, the highways were unoccupied, and the travellers walked through byways.
  - 7** The inhabitants of the villages ceased, they ceased in Israel, until that I Deborah arose, that I arose a mother in Israel.
  - 8** They chose new gods; then was war in the gates: was there a shield or spear seen among forty thousand in Israel?
  - 9** My heart is toward the governors of Israel, that offered themselves willingly among the people. Bless ye the LORD.
  - 10** Speak, ye that ride on white asses, ye that sit in judgment, and walk by the way.

11 They that are delivered from the noise of archers in the places of drawing water, there shall they rehearse the righteous acts of the LORD, even the righteous acts toward the inhabitants of his villages in Israel: then shall the people of the LORD go down to the gates.

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12 Awake, awake, Deborah: awake, awake, utter a song: arise, Barak, and lead thy captivity captive, thou son of Abinoam.

13 Then he made him that remaineth have dominion over the nobles among the people: the LORD made me have dominion over the mighty.

14 Out of Ephraim was there a root of them against Amalek; after thee, Benjamin, among thy people; out of Machir came down governors, and out of Zebulun they that handle the pen of the writer.

15 And the princes of Issachar were with Deborah; even Issachar, and also Barak: he was sent on foot into the valley. For the divisions of Reuben there were great thoughts of heart.

16 Why abodest thou among the sheepfolds, to hear the bleatings of the flocks? For the divisions of Reuben there were great searchings of heart.

17 Gilead abode beyond Jordan: and why did Dan remain in ships? Asher continued on the sea shore, and abode in his breaches.

18 Zebulun and Naphtali were a people that jeopardded their lives unto the death in the high places of the field.

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19 The kings came and fought, then fought the kings of Canaan in Taanach by the waters of Megiddo; they took no gain of money.

20 They fought from heaven; the stars in their courses fought against Sisera.

21 The river of Kishon swept them away, that ancient river, the river Kishon. O my soul, thou hast trodden down strength.

22 Then were the horsehoofs broken by the means of the pransings, the pransings of their mighty ones.

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23 Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the LORD, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the LORD, to the help of the LORD against the mighty.

24 Blessed above women shall Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite be, blessed shall she be above women in the tent.

25 He asked water, and she gave him milk; she brought forth butter in a lordly dish.

26 She put her hand to the nail, and her right hand to the workmen's hammer; and with the hammer she smote Sisera, she smote off his head, when she had pierced and stricken through his temples.

27 At her feet he bowed, he fell, he lay down: at her feet he bowed, he fell: where he bowed, there he fell down dead.

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28 The mother of Sisera looked out at a window, and cried through the lattice, Why is his chariot so long in coming? why tarry the wheels of his chariots?

29 Her wise ladies answered her, yea, she returned answer to herself,

30 Have they not sped? have they not divided the prey; to every man a damsel or two; to Sisera a prey of divers colours, a prey of divers colours of needlework, of divers colours of needlework on both sides, meet for the necks of them that take the spoil?

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31 So let all thine enemies perish, O LORD: but let them that love him be as the sun when he goeth forth in his might. And the land had rest forty years.

## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

### Angel — מַלְאָךְ (Mal'akh)

Angel, messenger

The Hebrew **mal'akh** (מַלְאָךְ) means angel or messenger—a heavenly being sent by God. Angels serve as God's messengers, worship Him, and minister to believers (Hebrews 1:14).

### God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

### Heaven — שָׁמַיִם (Shamayim)

Heaven, sky

The Hebrew **shamayim** (שָׁמַיִם) means heaven or sky—God's dwelling place and the realm above earth. 'The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's' (Psalm 115:16), yet 'the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him' (1 Kings 8:27).

### Lord — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

### Love — אַהֲבָה / חֶסֶד (Ahavah / Chesed)

Love / Loyal-love

Hebrew uses **ahavah** (אַהֲבָה) for love generally, but the covenant term **chesed** (חֶסֶד) describes God's steadfast, loyal love—faithful covenant commitment beyond mere emotion.

### Righteous — צַדִּיק (Tzaddik)

Righteous one

The Hebrew **tzaddik** (צַדִּיק) describes one who is righteous, just, or lawful—conforming to God's standard. From the root tzedek (צֶדֶק), meaning righteousness or justice.

## CROSS REFERENCES

**Judges 5:1**    **Parallel theme:** Exodus 15:1; Psalms 18:1

### Judges 5:2

**References Lord:** Judges 5:9; 2 Chronicles 17:16. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 110:3; Philippians 2:13

**Judges 5:3**    **Kingdom:** Ezra 7:21; Psalms 119:46

**Judges 5:4**    **References Lord:** Deuteronomy 33:2. **Parallel theme:** 2 Samuel 22:8

## **Judges 5:5**

**Sin:** Exodus 19:18; Psalms 68:8. **References Lord:** Psalms 97:5. **Parallel theme:** Nahum 1:5; Habakkuk 3:10; Hebrews 12:18

**Judges 5:6** **Parallel theme:** Judges 3:31; Leviticus 26:22; Isaiah 33:8; Lamentations 1:4

**Judges 5:7** **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 49:23. **References Israel:** 2 Samuel 20:19

**Judges 5:8** **References God:** Judges 2:12; 2:17

**Judges 5:9** **References Lord:** Judges 5:2; 1 Chronicles 29:9. **Parallel theme:** 2 Corinthians 8:12; 8:17; 9:5

**Judges 5:10** **Judgment:** Judges 12:14. **Parallel theme:** Judges 10:4; Psalms 105:2

**Judges 5:11** **Righteousness:** 1 Samuel 12:7; Micah 6:5

**Judges 5:12** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 57:8; 68:18; Jeremiah 31:26; 1 Corinthians 15:34; Ephesians 4:8; 2 Timothy 2:26. **Resurrection:** Ephesians 5:14

**Judges 5:14** **Parallel theme:** Judges 3:13; 3:27; 12:15

**Judges 5:15** **Parallel theme:** Judges 4:14

**Judges 5:16** **Parallel theme:** Numbers 32:24

**Judges 5:17** **Parallel theme:** Joshua 13:25

**Judges 5:18** **Parallel theme:** Judges 4:6; 4:10

**Judges 5:19** **Parallel theme:** Judges 1:27; 5:30; 1 Kings 4:12

**Judges 5:20** **Parallel theme:** Judges 4:15; Joshua 10:11; 1 Samuel 7:10

**Judges 5:21** **Parallel theme:** Judges 4:7; Psalms 44:5; Micah 7:10

## **Judges 5:24**

**Blessing:** Genesis 14:19; Luke 1:28; 1:42. **Parallel theme:** Judges 4:17; Proverbs 31:31

**Judges 5:30** **Parallel theme:** Exodus 15:9

**Judges 5:31** **Parallel theme:** 2 Samuel 23:4; Psalms 37:6; 89:36; Proverbs 4:18; Daniel 12:3.

**Love:** Psalms 91:14; 97:10; 1 Corinthians 8:3; James 1:12; 1 Peter 1:8

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