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A Biographical Study of Deborah

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Deborah

CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY

- I. Her court
 - A. She was a prophetess in the days of the judges (Judg. 4:4)
 - B. She was a mother (Judg. 5:7).
 - C. She was either from the tribe of Ephraim (Judg. 4:5) or of Issachar (Judg. 5:15).
 - D. Deborah held court under the Palm of Deborah between the cities of Ramah and Beth-el in the hill country of Ephraim (Judg. 4:5).
- II. Her command
 - A. The revelation—She instructed a soldier named Barak that God wanted him to mobilize an army of 10,000 men from the tribes of Naphtali and Zebulun upon Mt. Tabor and defeat the Canaanite oppressors (Judg. 4:6-7).
 - B. The reluctance
 - 1. Barak refused to do this unless Deborah accompanied him (Judg. 4:8).
 - 2. She agreed, but warned him that the credit for the victory would not go to him but to a woman (Judg. 4:9).
- III. Her celebration
 - A. At Deborah's order, Barak's army charged the Canaanites and totally routed them (Judg. 4:14-17).
 - B. Following the battle, she and Barak composed and sang a victory song (Judg. 5:1-31).

STATISTICS

Spouse: Lapidoth (Judg. 4:4)

First mention: Judges 4:4

Final mention: Judges 5:15

Meaning of her name: "Bee, wasp"

Frequency of her name: Referred to nine times

Biblical books mentioning her: One book (Judges)

Occupation: Prophetess, judge (Judg. 4:4)

Important fact about her life: She aided Barak in defeating Israel's enemies (Judg. 4:8-9).