

Men & Women Of The Old Testament



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Deborah wrote a song about brave Jael . Jael help to save her country. We can serve God today by telling people how to be saved. Part of Deborah' s song is below. Blessed above women shall Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite be, blessed shall she be above women in the tent

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Lesson 3

Men & Women Of The Old Testament—Lesson 3— DEBORAH & JAE!

P1 During the early days of the Hebrew Bible, women had few rights. Little is told about women during this time period because they were not considered as important as men. For a woman to receive acknowledgment in writing during this time, she would have had to do something outstanding.

P2 Deborah and Jael are two women that play important roles in history. Deborah was a "prophet". She was judging Israel. She is described as taking part in one of Israel's most important leadership roles. If people had disputes, Judges were the ones that made a decision on who was right and what should be done about it.

P3 Deborah made a song about Jael that you can read in Judges chapter 5. Part of it goes like this: **Judg 5:24** 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.

P4 The actual story is written in the Old Testament. In the story, Deborah summons an Israelite named Barak. Barak is to go to a place where he can defeat General Sisera. They have been oppressing the Israelites for twenty years. As it turns out, Barak defeats Sisera's army. However, Sisera himself manages to get away even though he is hurt. Later Jael kills Sisera and helps to free Israel.

P5 Many people do not know about this story. However many Philippine and Asian women are still very familiar and fond of this story. They would sometimes sing this song because they too were oppressed by enemies. Jael fought being oppressed, stood up, and did something about it. Sometimes you and I must do the same. Maybe not just the way she did, but we have the obligation as believers to do what is right.

P6 Deborah was a judge. This is a very important position not normally held by woman. At this time God used a woman because good men were hard to find. You will see this phrase over and over in the book of Judges: **Judg 17:6** In those days there was no king in Israel, but **every man** did that which was **right in his own eyes**. Or this one: **Judg 6:1** And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD: Most people were not doing the will of God so God used some women to show Israel how to do right.

P7 This story should encourage us to know that God does not always use the strongest person or the prettiest or the biggest person to do his will. God will use anyone who want to do right. Remember! God plus one is always the winner.

P8 In closing, Deborah and Jael are two of the few women in the Hebrew Bible that are talked about. However they influenced many people through their actions and accomplishments. They play important roles and are important people in a time period when woman had few rights.

THINK ABOUT IT...

1. What was the job of a Judge in Israel?
2. Why is it that there were FEW women Judges?
3. What does Judges 17:6 mean?
4. What is wrong with doing “that which is right in our own eyes”?
5. Who did Deborah write a song about?
6. Why do so many Philippine and Asian women know about the song Deborah wrote?
7. What kind of people does God use to get his will done?
8. Why should this story encourage us?
9. What have you learned about Jael & Deborah that you can use in your life?

MATCH UP

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 CANAAN
 BARAK
 JAEL
 SISERA
 BRAIN
 HEBER
 IRON

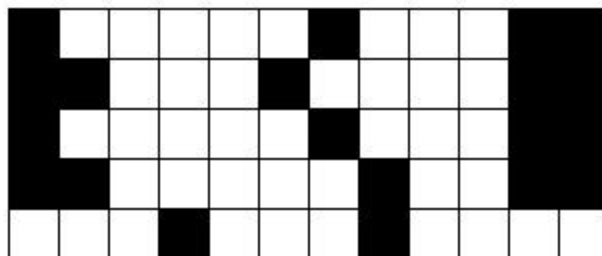
- 1) SHE USED A HAMMER & NAIL
- 2) JAEL'S HUSBAND
- 3) CHARIOTS
- 4) A MIGHTY ENEMY CAPTAIN
- 5) DEBORAH'S CAPTAIN
- 6) ISRAEL'S ENEMIES
- 7) SHE WAS A JUDGE
- 8) JAEL USED HER

Blessed above women shall Jael the wife of Heber the _____ be, blessed shall she be _____ women in the tent. He asked water, _____ she gave him milk; she brought forth butter _____ a lordly _____ put her _____ to the nail, and her right hand to the _____ hammer; and _____ the hammer she smote Sisera, she smote _____ his head, when she had pierced and stricken _____ temples. At _____ feet he bowed, he _____ he lay down: _____ feet he bowed, _____ fell: where _____ there he _____ down dead

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How do you stop squirrels playing football in the garden ?

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