

Judges 2 and Deborah

An Introduction to Judges

Judges 2:1-3

Who is the angel of the Lord?

Clue: "I said, 'I will never..."

What did the Israelites do?

What was consequence of this?

Judges 2:4-5

How did the people respond?

Bokim= weeping

Judges 2:6-9

How did the people who knew Joshua respond to the Lord?

Judges 2: 10-12

How did the generation after Joshua respond to the Lord?

Why didn't they know the Lord or what He did for Israel?

What does God command us to do? See Proverbs 22:6; Deuteronomy 11:18-21; and Deuteronomy 6:4-9.

How can you apply this truth in your life? (even if you don't have kids)

Judges 2:13-15

How did God respond to their idolatry?

How does this relate to disciplining children? See Proverbs 3:11-12 and Hebrews 12:7-11.

Judges 2: 16-19

What did God do to save the people?

Why did he do it?

How did the people respond?

What implications does that have for us in respect to having godly leaders?

What are people like? See Isaiah 53:6; Matthew 9: 36; and Ezekiel 34:1-6.

Judges 2:20-23

What did the Lord do as a consequence of their action?

Why do you think he did this?

Has God ever done this to you or anyone you know if they did not get rid of a specific sin in their life?

Deborah

Judges 4:1-3

What did the people do?

Judges 4:4-5

-She was the only female judge

-She was the only judge who was a prophet/prophetess.

Note: A prophet is someone who speaks for God.

It was customary to hold court (which was where disputes were settled) under well-known trees. See 1 Sam 14:2.

Women couldn't be priests or elders but were often prophetesses. (1 Timothy 2:12; Exodus 15:20; 2 Kings 22:14; Nehemiah 6:14; Luke 2:36; Acts 21:9)

Judges 4: 6-7

What did God tell Barak do?

Judges 4:8

What was his condition?

Judges 4:9-10

What was Deborah's response?

How do you think this affects men and women's role in the church?

Did Barak have faith? Hebrews 11:32

Judges 4:14-16

Who did all the work in battle?

How does this truth apply to our spiritual battles?

Judges 4:17-20

What do you think will happen next?

Judges 4:21-24

Who killed Sisera?

Judges 5:1-2

What is Deborah and Barak praising the Lord for?

How does this relate to our culture and ourselves?

Judges 5:3-5

What is she praising God for now?

Why is it important to praise God for past events?

What are some past events you can praise God for?

Judges 5:6

See Judges 3:31 for more information about Shagmar. Notice that the countryside was unsafe.

Judges 5:7-8

What characteristics did Deborah have?

Why did war come to them?

Judges 5:9

What is she praising God for once again?

Judges 5:10-11a

What should the leaders/rich people of Israel do?

Judges 5:11b-18

Which tribes came to fight?

Which tribes didn't?

Why do you think Deborah emphasizes this?

Does everyone God calls follow?

What is God calling you to do in your life?

Judges 5: 19-23

Where was the battle really fought? See verse 20.

Compare with Daniel 10:12-14 and Ephesians 6:12.

What was the response against those who didn't accept their calling? See verse 23.

Judges 5:24-27

Who gets the credit?

Judges 5:28-30

Whose mother is this?

Where else have we had a mother in this story?

Why do you think there is a comparison?

Judges 5:31

How does the song end?

How does our strength relate to our relationship to the Lord? See 2 Corinthians 12:9.