

Judges 4

- v1 Israelites (p.n.) people of the nation of Israel
- v2 Canaan (p.n.) the land that the people of Israel settled in; the land that God had promised to give to Israel.
- v2 Hazor (p.n.) a town in the region of Naphtali (see map)
- v2 commander (n.) an officer in charge of a military operation
- v3 chariots (n.) fast-moving vehicles with two wheels that are pulled by horses



- v3 cruelly (adv.) in a way that deliberately causes pain or distress to others
- v3 oppressed (v.) treated them in a way that limits the freedoms and benefits of others
- v5 disputes (n.) disagreements or arguments between people or groups
- v11 Kenite (p.n.) someone from Midian
- v11 pitched (v.) put up a tent
- v11 tent (n.) a shelter made of fabric and held up by poles



- v15 sword (n.) a weapon with a handle and long blade



- v15 fled (v.) ran away from danger
- v16 pursued (v.) followed someone in order to catch them
- v16 troops (n.) soldiers
- v17 alliance (n.) a relationship in which two countries work together for a common purpose
- v19 skin (n.) a container for liquids that is made from animal skin
- v21 tent peg (n.) a peg used to hold down rope attached to a tent into the ground



- v21 'fast asleep' (phrase) sleeping deeply
- v21 temple (n.) the flat parts on each side of the front part of the head



Judges 4 (New International Reader's Version)

¹ After Ehud died, the Israelites once again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD. ² So the LORD handed them over to the power of Jabin. He was a king in Canaan. He ruled in Hazor. The commander of his army was Sisera. He lived in Harosheth Haggoyim. ³ Jabin used 900 chariots that had some iron parts. He treated the Israelites very badly for 20 years. So they cried out to the LORD for help.

⁴ Deborah was a prophet. She was the wife of Lappidoth. She was leading Israel at that time. ⁵ Under the Palm Tree of Deborah she served the people as their judge. That place was between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim. The Israelites went up to her there. They came to have her decide cases for them. She settled matters between them. ⁶ Deborah sent for Barak. He was the son of Abinoam. Barak was from Kedesh in the land of Naphtali. Deborah said to Barak, "The LORD, the God of Israel, is giving you a command. He says, 'Go! Take 10,000 men from the tribes of Naphtali and Zebulun with you. Then lead them up to Mount Tabor.' ⁷ I will lead Sisera into a trap. He is the commander of Jabin's army. I will bring him, his chariots and his troops to the Kishon River. There I will hand him over to you.' "

⁸ Barak said to her, "If you go with me, I'll go. But if you don't go with me, I won't go."

⁹ "All right," Deborah said. "I'll go with you. But because of the way you are doing this, you won't receive any honor. Instead, the LORD will hand Sisera over to a woman." So Deborah went to Kedesh with Barak. ¹⁰ There he sent for men from Zebulun and Naphtali. And 10,000 men followed him into battle. Deborah also went with him.

¹¹ Heber, the Kenite, had left the other Kenites. They came from the family line of Hobab. He was the brother-in-law of Moses. Heber set up his tent by the large tree in Zaananim near Kedesh.

¹² Sisera was told that Barak, the son of Abinoam, had gone up to Mount Tabor. ¹³ So Sisera gathered together his 900 chariots that had some iron parts. He also gathered together all his men. He brought them from Harosheth Haggoyim to the Kishon River.

¹⁴ Then Deborah said to Barak, "Go! Today the LORD will hand Sisera over to you. Hasn't the LORD gone ahead of you?" So Barak went down Mount Tabor. His 10,000 men followed him. ¹⁵ As Barak's men marched out, the LORD drove Sisera away from the field of battle. The LORD scattered all of Sisera's chariots. Barak's men struck down Sisera's army with their swords. Sisera got down from his chariot. He ran away on foot.

¹⁶ Barak chased Sisera's chariots and army. Barak chased them all the way to Harosheth Haggoyim. All of Sisera's troops were killed by swords. Not even one was left. ¹⁷ But Sisera ran away on foot. He ran to the tent of Jael. She was the wife of Heber, the Kenite. Sisera ran there because there was a treaty between Heber's family and Jabin, the king of Hazor.

¹⁸ Jael went out to meet Sisera. "Come in, sir," she said. "Come right in. Don't be afraid." So he entered her tent. Then she covered him with a blanket.

¹⁹ "I'm thirsty," he said. "Please give me some water." So Jael opened a bottle of milk. The bottle was made out of animal skin. She gave him a drink of milk. Then she covered him up again.

²⁰ "Stand in the doorway of the tent," he told her. "Someone might come by and ask you, 'Is anyone in there?' If that happens, say 'No.' "

²¹ But Heber's wife Jael picked up a tent stake and a hammer. She went quietly over to Sisera. He was lying there, fast asleep. He was very tired. She drove the stake through his head right into the ground. So he died.

²² Just then Barak came by because he was chasing Sisera. Jael went out to meet him. "Come right in," she said. "I'll show you the man you are looking for." So he went in with her. Sisera was lying there with the stake through his head. He was dead.

²³ On that day God brought Jabin under Israel's control. He was a king in Canaan. ²⁴ Israel's power grew stronger and stronger against King Jabin. The Israelites became so strong that they destroyed him.



John 12:20-28

v20	the festival	(p.n.)	the Passover festival, when Israel remembers how God saved them out of slavery in Egypt
v21	Bethsaida	(p.n.)	a town (see map)
v21	Galilee	(p.n.)	a region (see map)
v24	kernel	(n.)	the part of a nut that is inside the shell
v24	wheat	(n.)	a crop grown for food



v27	soul	(n.)	the non-physical part of a person
v28	glorify	(v.)	cause someone to have fame and admiration

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²⁰ There were some Greeks among the people who went up to worship during the feast. ²¹ They came to ask Philip for a favor. Philip was from Bethsaida in Galilee. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." ²² Philip went to tell Andrew. Then Andrew and Philip told Jesus.

²³ Jesus replied, "The time has come for the Son of Man to receive glory. ²⁴ What I'm about to tell you is true. Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only one seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵ Anyone who loves their life will lose it. But anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it and have eternal life. ²⁶ Anyone who serves me must follow me. And where I am, my servant will also be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

²⁷ "My soul is troubled. What should I say? 'Father, keep me from having to go through with this'? No. This is the very reason I have come to this point in my life. ²⁸ Father, bring glory to your name!"

Then a voice came from heaven. It said, "I have brought glory to my name. I will bring glory to it again."

