

1. Opening Prayer

2. Intro: The Book of Judges

a. Structure of Judges

- i. Intro: failure of full settlement/occupation and apostasy (1:1-3:6)
failure of full occupation (1:1-2:5)
apostasy (2:6-3:6)

- ii. Judges with the pattern of result of apostasy and God's saving work (3:7-16:31)

- iii. Religious and moral corruption (17:1-21:25)

b. Pattern in Judges

- i. Apostasy (2:11, 3:7 and 12, 4:1, 6:1, 10:6, and 13:1)
Compare with Deuteronomy 4:25-26, 9:18, 17:2-3, and 31:29

- ii. Result
Wrath (2:14, 20, 3:8, and 10:7)
Handing over (2:14, 6:1, and 13:1)
Sold (2:14, 3:8, 4:2, and 10:7)
Serving (3:8, 14, 6:1, and 13:1)

- iii. Crying out (3:9, 15, 4:3, 6:6-7, 10:10)

- iv. Appointment of Judges

- v. Giving the Enemies into the Judge's Hand (3:10, 11:32, 12:3)

- vi. Peace on the Land (3:11, 30, 5:31, 8:28)

3. Let us read Ch. 4

4. Discussion

- a. Deborah was a prophet and a judge in the Ephraim's territory. But why do you think she called Barak from the Naphtali's territory?
- b. Why do you think she sent Barak?
- c. Why do you think Barak wanted to go with Deborah?

- d. Why do you think Deborah accepted Barak's request?
- e. Why do you think Deborah said that the glory is not in Barak's but a woman's?
- f. What is Moses' father in law's name? (Exodus 3:1 and Numbers 10:29)
- g. Why do you think Deborah said, "The Lord has given Sisera into your hand" in v. 14?
- h. How shall we understand Heber the husband of Jael (v. 11 and 17)?
- i. How shall we understand Jael's action of hospitality and execution?
- j. Why do you think Jael gave milk to Sisera who was asking for water?
- k. Why do you think Jael killed Sisera? Would it not break the peace with the king Jabin?

5. Closing Prayer