

THE EPIC OF EDEN: DEBORAH

Session 2 Video Notes – Arriving and Obeying Are Not the Same Thing

1. The arrival of Israel in Canaan and an archaeological moment with me!
 - a. New settlement pattern
 - b. New architecture
 - c. New agricultural methods
 - d. New pottery
 - e. New taboos
2. The era of the judges
 - a. Israel's heroic past
 - i. The task of survival is foremost
 - ii. Regular rules do not apply
 - b. Era of liminal space
 - i. "Liminal" comes from Latin *limen*, meaning "threshold"
 - ii. The space between what Israel was (a tribal confederation) and what Israel was becoming (a monarchy)
3. The structure of the book of judges
 - a. Twelve heroic tales
 - b. A twelve-tier cycle
4. The theological point in Israel's covenant
 - a. Obedience results in national security
 - b. Disobedience results in national insecurity
5. The book map
 - a. One chapter of prologue
 - b. Twelve tales of twelve heroes
 - c. Three chapters of epilogue
6. The collapse of a community
 - a. The narrative or story of Judges 19
 - b. The point Judges 19 makes about the covenant people? "Everyone did as they saw fit" (Judges 17:6; 21:25)
 - c. The end result?
 - i. Rather than winning new territory, the Israelites are losing territory
 - ii. Rather than transforming Canaanite culture, they are being transformed by it