

THE EPIC OF EDEN: DEBORAH

Session 4 Video Notes – Meet Deborah!

1. Meet Deborah!
 - a. Her name, “to lead”
 - b. Her husband, a military man
2. Cycle in the book of Judges
 - a. Israelites sin, God send an oppressor
 - b. Israelites cry out, God sends a judge
3. Functions of the judges
 - a. Judicial function: the higher court
 - b. Military function: musters troops for war
 - c. Legitimacy? Impossible physical acts of prowess!
4. Deborah’s achievements; nothing unique
 - a. Musters the troops
 - b. Leads the people against the enemy
 - c. Wins and secures territory
 - d. Rules for forty years
5. Deborah’s image and attributes
 - a. Is she a warrior?
 - i. Considering Antiope, the Amazon general from Wonder Woman
 - ii. Considering Agojie, the women’s fighting unit from The Woman King
 - b. Socially appropriate role for women was the head of the household; wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, counselor, educator
 - c. Attributes: courage, self-sacrifice, integrity, and self-discipline to step up and do the hard thing
 - d. Deborah’s appearance never described
6. Israel’s government
 - a. Israel’s theocracy: *theos* (God) + *krateō* (to rule) = ruled by God
 - b. Yahweh was Israel’s king
 - c. Theocratic offices
 - i. King/judge: type-man of the nation
 - ii. Priest: a mediator who spoke for the people to God
 - iii. Prophet: a messenger who spoke for God to the people
 - iv. The first two offices (king and priest) are hereditary, but you can’t be born a prophet or a judge, you must be *chosen*.
7. Deborah’s functions
 - a. Judge
 - b. Prophet
 - c. Arbitrator (The Palm of Deborah)
 - i. Tree is *named* for her
 - ii. Three in Israel are used as landmarks and place names
 - d. An unlikely leader
 - i. Empowered by the Holy Spirit to lead
 - ii. She was called, and she said yes