

The Book of Judges: Chapters 5 & 6

Sunday, October 20 – Wednesday, October 23

Chapter 5: Sunday, October 20

(1 – 5) How did Deborah and Barak commemorate the victory against the forces of King Jabin? How did they glorify God in their song, and what historical event did they reference? (*Deuteronomy 33: 1 – 2; Psalm 68: 7 – 9*)

(6 – 8) How did Deborah and Barak describe the situation in Israel leading up to the battle, specifically regarding the people's daily lives, their faith in God and their military preparation to face their enemies?

(9 – 12) What request did Deborah and Barak make to the leaders of the people? What was the intended outcome of their request?

(13 – 18) Which tribes of Israel joined in the battle against King Jabin's forces, and how were those tribes described? Which tribes avoided the battle, and how were they described? (*Judges 4: 6 – 7*)

(19 – 23) How did Deborah and Barak describe the battle against King Jabin's army (commanded by Sisera)? How did they articulate God's role in delivering the victory? What was the significance of the reference to the Kishon River?

(24 – 27) How did Deborah and Barak describe Jael's role in defeating Sisera? What prophecy of Debroah did Jael's actions fulfill? (*Judges 4: 9*)

(28 – 30) How did Deborah and Barak characterize the emotions and concerns of Sisera's mother as she waited for her son to return from the battle? How would her impending mourning serve as a reminder of the consequences for those who opposed God's people?

(31) What fate did Deborah and Barak desire for the enemies of God's people, and what blessing did they desire for those who loved and served the Lord? What was the result of the battle?

Chapter 6: Wednesday, October 23

(1 – 6) What situation is described at the beginning of Chapter 6 (as a result of the people's disobedience to God)? What actions did the Midianites and other groups take against the Israelites during this time?

(7 – 10) What did the prophet say to the people of Israel? What historical perspective did he provide, and what charge did he bring against the Israelites?

(11 – 13) What did the Angel of the Lord say to Gideon, and how did He refer to Gideon in His greeting? What questions did Gideon ask to the Angel of the Lord in response?

(14 – 18) What did the Lord say that Gideon would accomplish, and how did Gideon respond? How did God reassure Gideon that he would be successful in battle, and what did Gideon ask God to do?

(19 – 24) What did the Angel of God do to the offering that Gideon brought? As a result, what realization did Gideon come to, and what statement did Gideon make? What did the Lord say to Gideon in response, and what subsequent action did Gideon take?

(25 – 27) What instructions did God give to Gideon, and how did Gideon respond? Why did Gideon wait until night to take action?

(28 – 32) What was the reaction of the men of the city when they discovered that the altar to Baal had been destroyed? What did they intend to do to Gideon as a consequence of his actions, and how did Gideon's father respond?

(33 – 35) As the Midianites and others gathered against the Israelites, what action did Gideon take? How did the tribes of Israel respond?

(36 – 40) What signs did Gideon request from God as reassurance that God would deliver Israel from its enemies through Gideon's leadership? How did God respond, and what did Gideon's multiple requests to God reflect about his faith?