

JUDGES

In Chapter 5 we're going to study the Song of Deborah and Barak after their incredible victory over king Jabin-the king of Canaan which we studied previously in chapter 4.

As we mentioned last week, Deborah was the only FEMALE judge of Israel. The only woman in all of the scriptures raised up by the Lord to lead His people!!!!



Monday : Chapter 5!

1.) Deborah and Barak sang "...Hear, O kings! Give ear, O princes! I even I will sing to the _____." I will sing _____ to the lord God of Israel."

2.) What happened on the days of Shamgar and Jael? (hint: verse 6)

Reflect: Was there ever a time when you felt far away from God? When you felt empty inside? This is because inside ALL human beings there is a space that ONLY GOD can FILL and SATISFY!!!

3.) Deborah arose as a _____ in Israel.

4.) What sin did the people commit?

5.) In verse 11 it states "...they shall recount the righteous acts of the lord..."

What can we LEARN from this?

God wants us to remember how POWERFUL He is. He wants us to recount all the miracles He has performed! How? One way to do this is...

•Reading the Bible (of course, an essential)

&

•KEEPING A PERSONAL JOURNAL!



In this Journal write down everything in your life that you thank God for, the miracles that God has performed in your life and any personal experiences you had with Him. It will be a book filled with ALL the blessings God has poured on you.

And when you're ever at a low point in your life READ YOUR JOURNAL! Then you'll remember how POWERFUL your God is. You'll see that He's always been there for you and that He has NEVER let you down!!!!

>>In fact, you'll realise that He has given you a lot more than you deserve!<<

Tuesday:

6.) In verse 12 it states "...awake, awake, sing a song!..."

Why do you think praising God is important?

Our Coptic Church has a beautiful type of praise called TASBEHA!!!

Tasbeha is a very pure & selfless form of worship because it's all about GOD! It is DIFFERENT from the HOLY MASS.

In the mass, we ASK God for a lot of things. A lot of people give Abouna personal prayer requests on paper to be placed on the alter. Make sure that you attend Tasbeha and pay attention to the words.

Singing hymns is also another form of praise that you should participate in as well!



7.) Complete the verse "The Lord came _____ for me against the _____."



8.) Why did the angel of the lord curse Meroz? (Hint v 23)

In **Chapter 6** we will get to know more about our hero 'Gideon'- the man God chose to deliver Israel. We see that God takes the weak, humble & sometimes fearful people and uses them to do wonderful things! His done this all throughout the bible. A prime example is Moses.

Wednesday:

1.) What did the children of Israel do against the lord?

2.) The Lord delivered them into the hands of whom?

3.) For how many years were they oppressed? _____

4.) Where did the children of Israel stay? _____

5.) Why did the children of Israel have no livestock or food?

6.) When the children of Israel finally cried out for help whom did the Lord send?

7.) Read verses 8-10.

Notice how God reminds them of all the POWERFUL things He did for them with Moses! See God wants you to recall everything He has done for you too!!!

What did they do wrong?

Thursday and Friday

8.) What did the angel of the lord say to Gideon?

9.) How does Gideon respond to the Angel?

Carefully read verse 13! Does **"WHY GOD?"** and **"WHERE ARE YOU?"** Sound familiar! Isn't this what we say when things aren't going the way we want or expect them to.

10.) Gideon replies to the lords request by saying *"O my Lord, how can I _____ Israel. My clan is the _____ in Manasseh, and I am the _____ in my fathers house."*

11.) What does the Lord say to convince Gideon that he can save his people? (hint: v 16)

12.) What does Gideon ask for to reassure him that this is the true God who is speaking?

