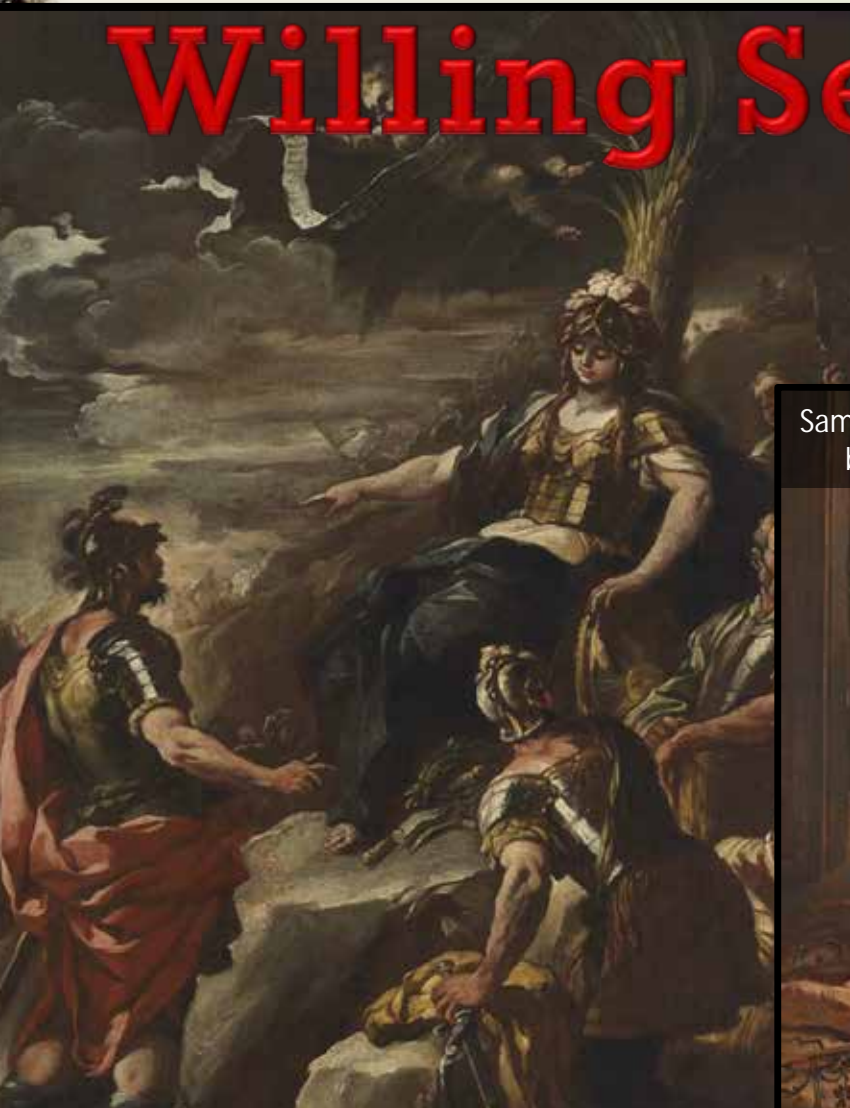


January 22
Judges 4

Gideon and Angel, c. 1651
by Constantijn van Renesse

Willing Servants



Deborah and Barak, c. 1690, Luca Giordano




Samson and Delilah, c. 1609
by Peter Paul Rubens



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Conquest and Challenges of Israel's Settlement

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| 1. | Dec 4 | Commissioned | Joshua 1 | Lord Calls Joshua |
| 2. | Dec 11 | Conquest | Joshua 6 | Jericho Walls Down |
| 3. | Dec 18 | Savior Announced | Luke 1 | Angel Gabriel to Mary |
| 4. | Dec 25 | <i>... Merry Christmas ...</i> | | |
| 5. | Jan 1 | Settled | Joshua 22 | Heart, Honor, Home |
| 6. | Jan 15 | Value All | Prov. 24 & Mark 10 | <i>Sanctity of Life Sunday</i> |
| 7. | Jan 22 | Rebellion's Cycle | Judges 2 | Return to God to Live |
|  | Jan 29 | Willing Servants | Judges 4 | Deborah Lifts Barak |
| 9. | Feb 5 | Timid Warrior | Judges 6 | Angel Charges Gideon |
| 10. | Feb 12 | Compromised Potential | Judges 16 | Samson & Delilah |
| 11. | Feb 19 | Faith Through Trials | Ruth 1 | Ruth Helps Naomi |
| 12. | Feb 13 | Redeemed & Secure | Ruth 3-4 | Noble Ruth Wins |



Lesson Author's Theme

God restores His people to freedom using faithful and willing servants

Judges

- 3:7-11 Othniel vs. Cushan – *THEN* 40 Years of Peace until Othniel Died
- 3:12-31 Ehud vs. Eglon – *THEN* 80 Years of Peace until Ehud Died
- 4:1-7 **An Update Requested** – Debra Summons Barak
- 4:8-10 **A Deal Struck** – I will go ... IF you go ☺
- 4:12-14 **The Orders Issued** – Deborah Orders Charge
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- 4:17-24 **Sisera's Assassination by Jael**
- 5:1-31 **Deborah's Song**



Key Verse Judges 4:8

Barak said to Deborah,
If you go with me, I *WILL* go;
but if you don't go with me,
I will *NOT* go.



Alternate Title ... *the First*

Friend in Need Is a Friend Indeed



Alternate Title ... *the Second*

Courageous Women Rock!



Deborah and Barak, c. 1690, Luca Giordano



and her *Hammer!*

Jael and Sisera, c. 1739, by Jacopo Amigoni

Recall 1 Sam. 24-25

8-14-16

Wise Women Rock

David Saw Abigail's Self-Sacrifice

context of David sparing **Saul's Life**
then sparing the Toad **Nabal's Life**

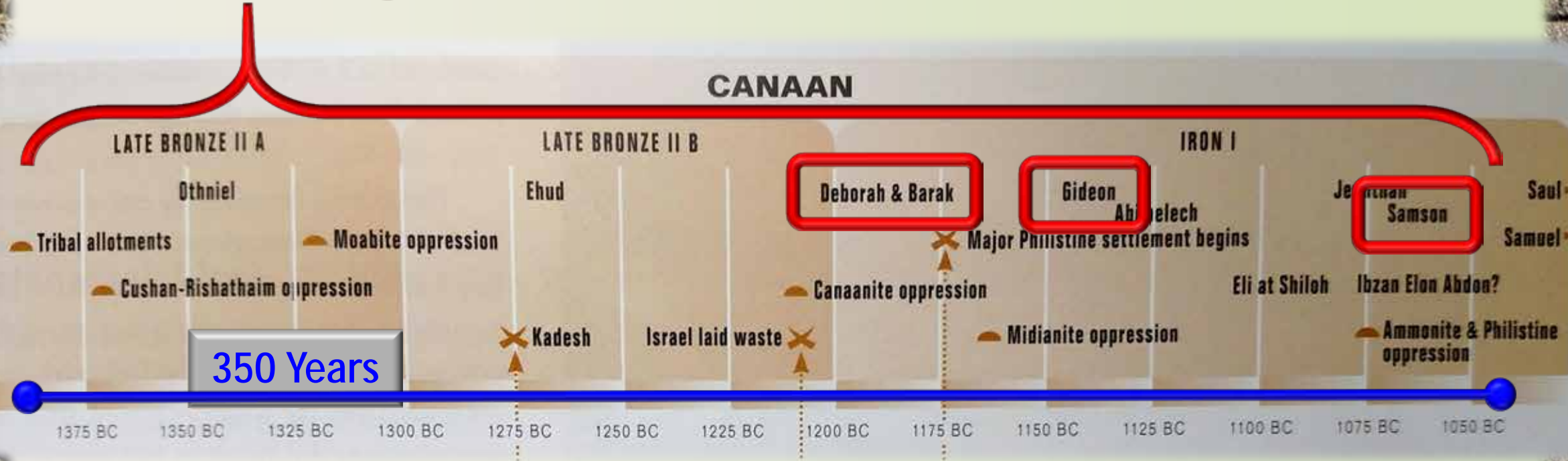
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David and Abigail
by Antonio Molinari (1655-1704)



Book of Judges



- ✓ Deborah & Barak ... an Odd Couple with Twin Values
- ✓ Roughly 200 years from Joshua & Jericho to Deborah
- ✓ Moabite King Jabin of Canaan now oppressing ...
- ✓ Homemaker Jael gives General Sisera a Hammering

Jabin – “Discerner”?

Two King Jabin

1. King Jabin of Hazor ...

- ✓ Joshua 11, he led a coalition against Joshua
- ✓ Israel saw iron chariots for the 1st time
- ✓ Israel destroys Hazor

2. King Jabin of Canaan ...

- ✓ Judges 5, oppresses 20 yrs
- ✓ King of Canaan ... far reach
- ✓ Israel battles Jabin's General Sisera in Jezreel Valley

King Jabin of Hazor

Cuneiform from Hazor confirms Jabin was a dynastic name used for 500 years. Archeology now has 3 references to Jabin.



Bronze Jabin
Hazor Exhibit
Israel Museum

Deborah & Barak

3:7-11 Othniel vs. Cushan-Rishathaim King of Aram

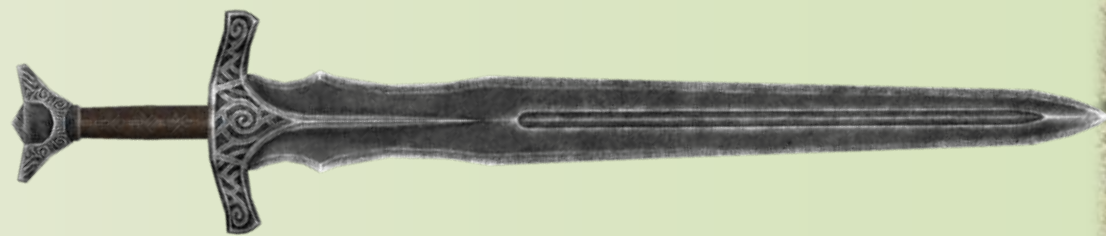
- Israel did evil >> Oppression comes
- Israel cried out >> Othniel comes
- 40 Years Peace until Othniel Died

3:12-30 Ehud vs. King Eglon

- Israel did evil >> Oppression comes
- Israel cried out >> Ehud comes
- 80 Years Peace until Ehud Died

Through deception, southpaw Ehud
gained a private meeting ...

Stabbed OBESE King Eglon ... **buried sword into his belly ... fat closed.**



Preface to Deborah & Barak

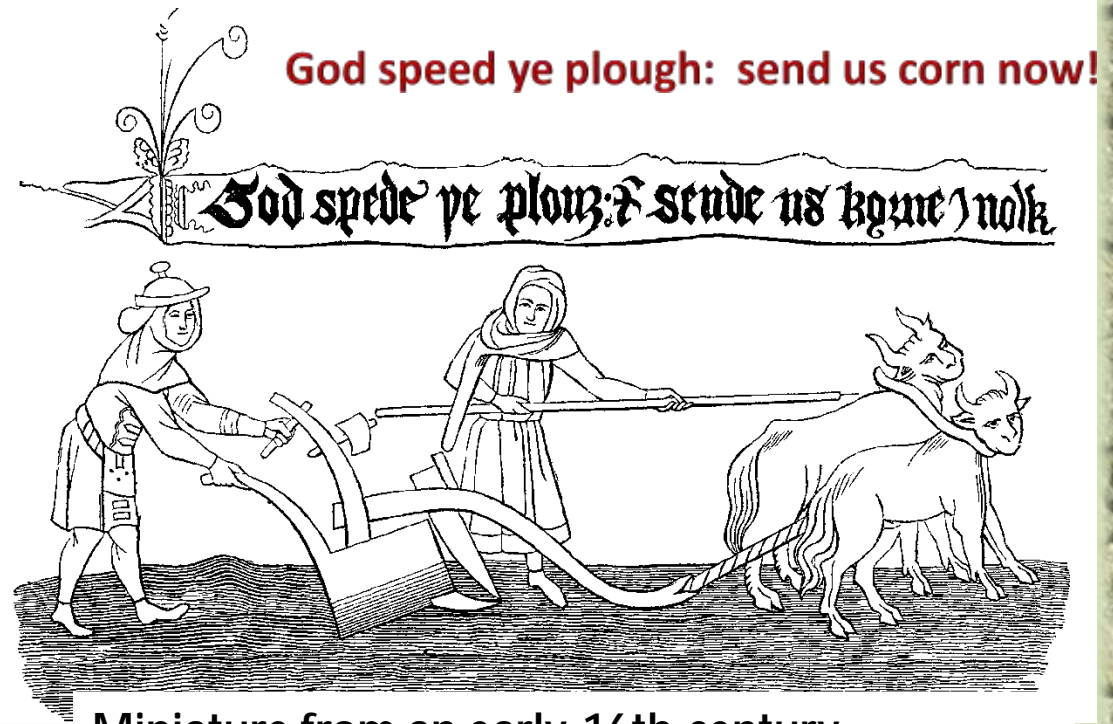
3:31 BRIEF note on Shamgar
who kills 600 Philistines

uses ox goad ... killed 600

Ox goad often had
a point ... at times a hook

**NOT a Spear,
but perhaps pointed**

In Martial Arts, there are experts
with the “staff,” a straight pole
like a mop or rake handle about 6' long



Miniature from an early-16th-century manuscript held at the British Museum. The ploughman on the right appears to carry a goad. The ox on his left appears to react to it. Note the spike or prod at the end of this goad.

Elephant goad of India



Preface to Deborah & Barak

4:1,
Israel did evil **AGAIN** >> Oppression

4:2-3,
“Lord **SOLD** them into the hands
of Jabin king of Canaan,
who reigned in Hazor....

Sisera ... had 900 chariots fitted
with iron and had cruelly
oppressed the Israelites
for **TWENTY YEARS!!!**

Israel cried to the **LORD** for help



Assyrian Chariot Wall Carving

4:1-7 An Update Requested – Deborah

⁴ Deborah, a woman who was a prophet and the wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel at that time.

Deborah – means **Bee**

“**Bee**” can mean *industrious*

Matthew Henry said her name suggests the work of the **Bee**:

- ✓ **Industrious**
- ✓ **Sharp Perception, Discernment**
- ✓ **Great Usefulness**
- ✓ **Sweetness to her Friends**
- ✓ **Sharpness to her Enemies**



Deborah & Barak by Francesco Solimena (1657-1747)

4:1-7 An Update Requested – Deborah

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Deborah – the **Bee** ...

Lappidoth – means “**Torches**”

For some, “Torches” is part of Deborah’s name

Meaning woman of “**fiery spirit**” or of a “**torch-like spirit**”

Larger consensus is that she was the wife of the man Lappidoth ...

She held a **NORMAL** place in Israel

Then God LIFTED her to JUDGE



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4:1-7 An Update Requested – Deborah Summons Barak

Word “prophetess” suggests that she received direct revelation from the Lord and shared that word with His people

Other Women Prophets include:

- ✓ Miriam, Ex. 15:20, Moses’ sister
- ✓ Huldah, 2 Kings 22:14, kept wardrobe
- ✓ Anna, Luke 2:36, prophecy about Jesus
- ✓ Philip’s Four daughters, Acts 21:9
- ✓ Some include Sarah, Abigail & Esther



4:1-7 An Update Requested – Deborah Summons Barak

⁵ It was her custom to sit under the palm tree of Deborah between **Ramah** and **Bethel** in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites went up to her for judgment.

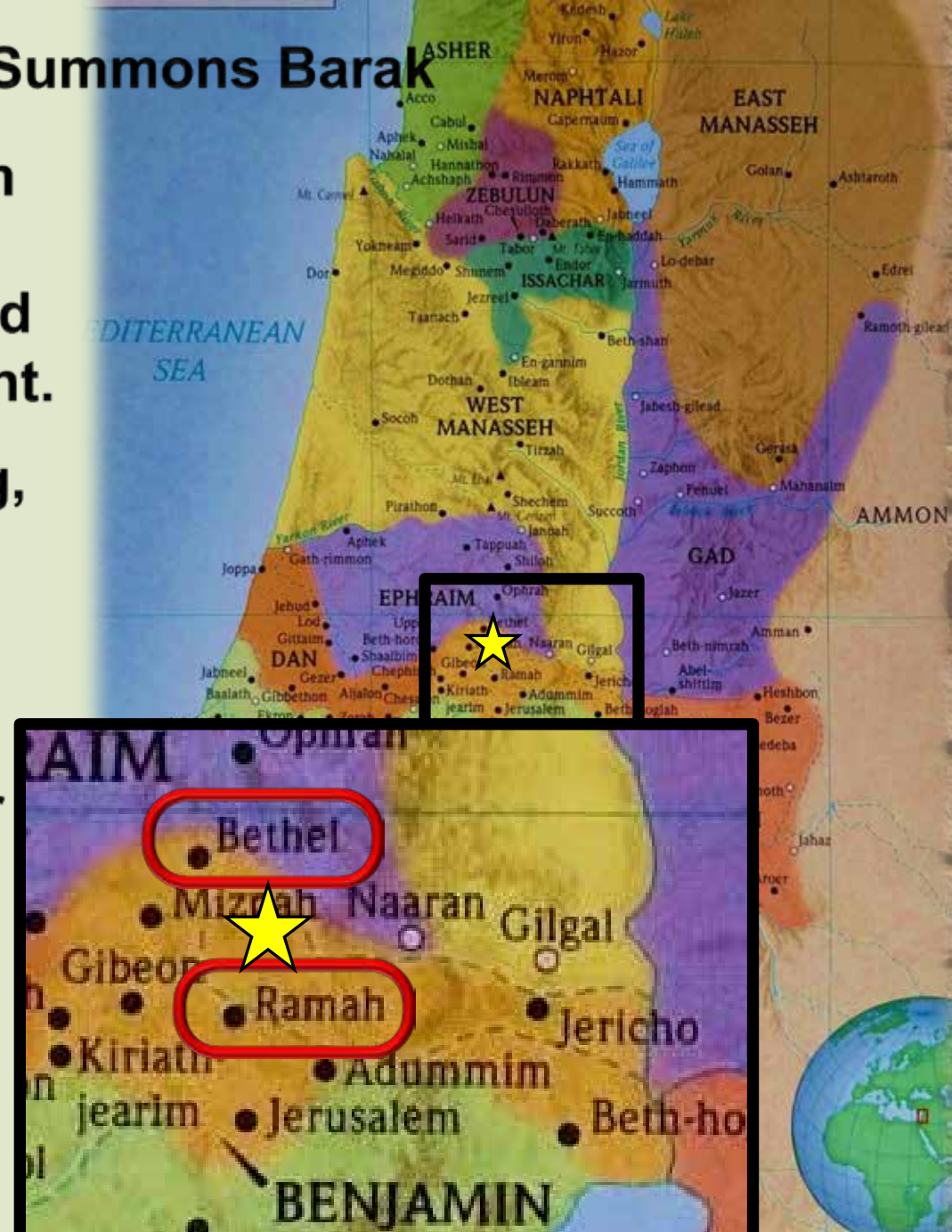
Unlike today ... all the more outstanding, she was NOT *elected* or *appointed*

God **RAISED** her up ...

Her **CHARACTER** and **INTEGRITY** led to a **CONFIDENCE** the people had in her

God **BLESSED** ... experts note that the Hebrew language goes to great lengths to emphasize her **WOMANHOOD**

No mistaking ... **Deborah Rocked**



4:1-7 An Update Requested – Deborah

⁵ It was her **CUSTOM** to sit under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites went up to her for judgment.

Trees held a prominent place ...
some make a big deal about it ...

Trees provide shade ...

Better shade than under the hot sun

Lived **BETWEEN** Ramah and Bethel

That means ... she was a

Country Girl



Deborah and Barak, c. 1690, Luca Giordano

4:1-7 An Update Requested – Deborah

Kind of reminds me of an old 1968
country song by Dottie West

I Was Born a Country Girl

Dottie was born in 1932 Tennessee

FIRST of 10 children ... to
William & Pelina Marsh

Family was poor ... father—an alcoholic,
beat & abused Dottie for years

At 17, she told sheriff ... father got 40 yrs

Mother started a restaurant ... Dottie helped

Mother & 10 kids move to McMinnville, TN

Dottie music scholarship to TN Tech. Univ.



Deborah and Barak, c. 1690, Luca Giordano

4:1-7 An Update Requested – Deborah

Country song by Dottie West, 1968

I Was Born a Country Girl

**I was born a country girl;
I will die a country girl**

**My world is made of blue skies and
sunshine ... Green fields & butterflies
I'm so glad I'm a country girl**

**Birds sing good morning to a country girl
And I sleep to the sounds of whip-o-wills**

**My day is made with puppies
and kittens meadows and daisies**

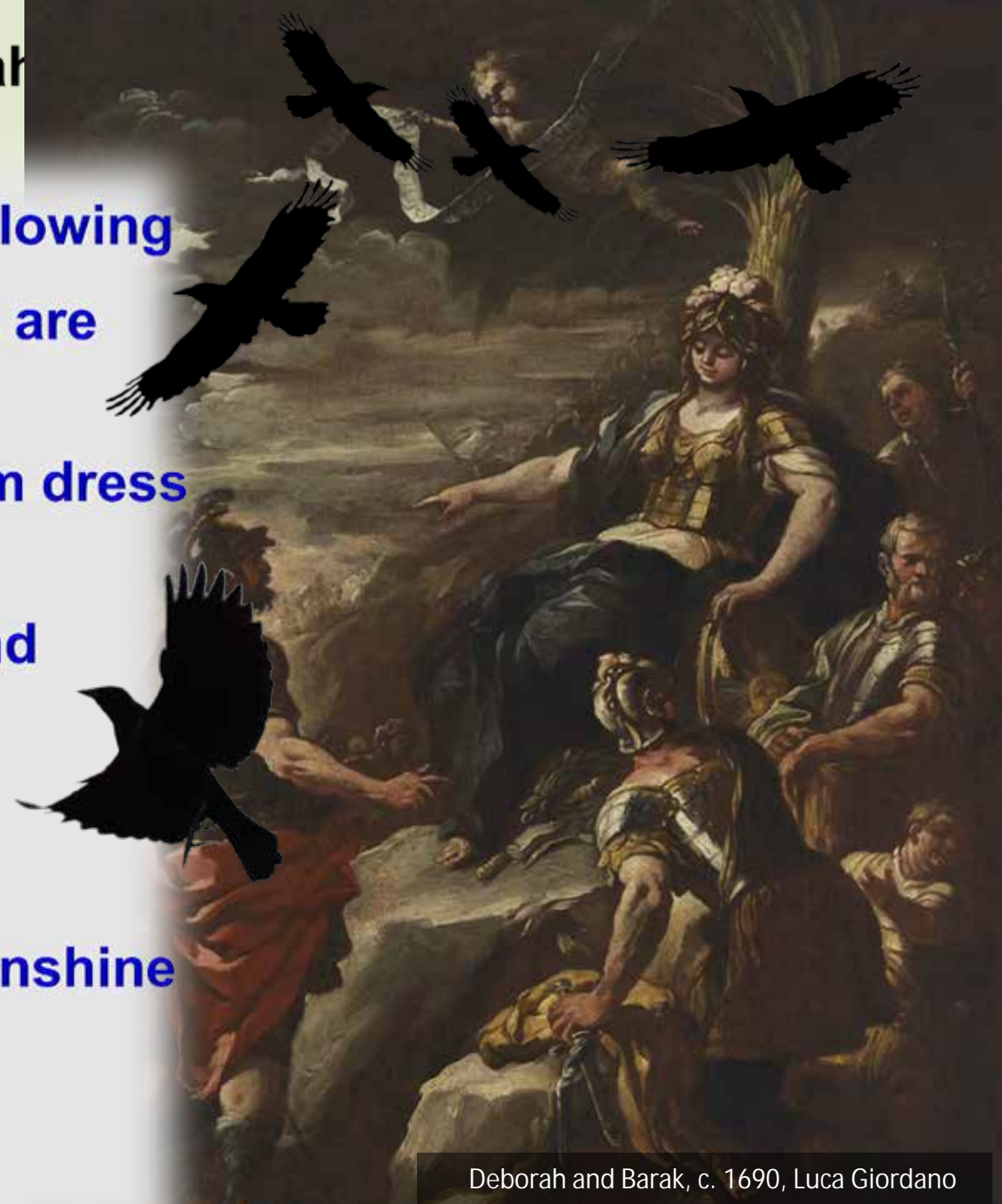
I'm so glad I'm a country girl



Deborah and Barak, c. 1690, Luca Giordano

4:1-7 An Update Requested – Deborah

Running over hills ...
playing in the woods ... free breezes blowing
Honey bees are swarming, black birds are
flying, wonder where they're going
Picking stick-me-tights off my gingham dress
... darkness is falling
Firewood to carry ... eggs to gather and
supper's ready ... mamma's calling
I was born a country girl and
I will die a country girl
My world is made of blue skies and sunshine
Green fields and butterflies ...
I'm so GLAD I'm a country girl



Deborah and Barak, c. 1690, Luca Giordano

4:1-7 An Update Requested – Deborah

Yes, Country ... and notice, she was

✓ **NOT** in one of the places of worship

✓ **DID** establish a tradition of her own

It was her **CUSTOM** to be:

AVAILABLE

Not all are called to Minister or Lead

But if you are, one **GREAT** leadership skill to acquire and refine is to

Be Available



Deborah and Barak, c. 1690, Luca Giordano

4:1-7 **An Update Requested – Deborah**

GREATEST LEADERS ...

Meet People ... Love People ...

Great Families ... usually have

Traditions

Christmas ... Thanksgiving ... etc

A Prophet ... dispensed WISDOM

A Prophet ... Spoke for God ...

While some showed fear from time to time, like Isaiah with Jezebel ...

Prophets were always **Courageous**

Yet, most importantly, they were :

AVAILABLE



Deborah and Barak, c. 1690, Luca Giordano

4:1-7 An Update Requested – Deborah Summons Barak

I know a pastor in Tyler County

Been pastoring for 50+ years

No matter where you meet him

No matter what HE is doing

No matter how **FRAZZLED**
or in a rush I, myself, may be

At his church, a café, or
Walmart or Brookshire's ...

He will stop and chat ...

Like most of us do ...



4:1-7 An Update Requested – Deborah Summons Barak

Only ... he has the GIFT ...

When he stops ...

No matter where ...

He *NEVER* appears in a hurry

He *ALWAYS* appears to be
genuinely GLAD to see you

He *ALWAYS* appears to be

AVAILABLE

As if YOU are the most important
at least for that moment!



4:1-7 An Update Requested – Deborah Summons Barak

⁶ She summoned Barak son of Abinoam from **Kedesh** in Naphtali [about 80 miles north]

Said to him, "Hasn't the Lord, the God of Israel, commanded you: 'Go, deploy the troops on **Mount Tabor**, and take with you 10,000 men from the **Naphtalites** and **Zebulunites**?"



Jezreel Valley or
Valley of Har-Megiddo

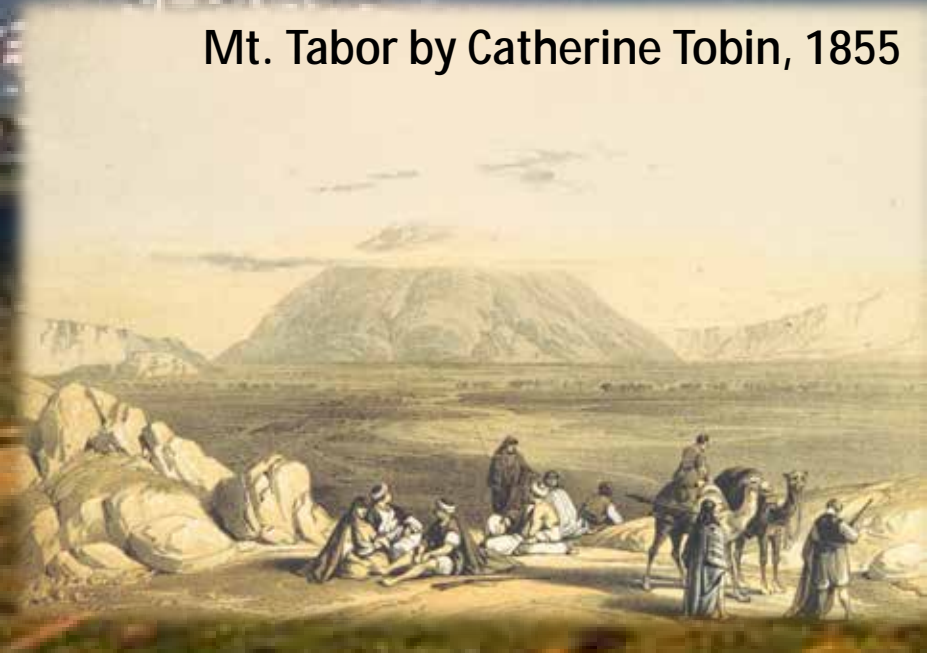
Mt. Tabor, eastern edge of Valley of Jezreel, or Har-Meggido

If you look close ... at Mt. Tabor
I think you can see a church
Back then ... EVERYONE knew
where Mt. Tabor was
Lot of "Country Folk"



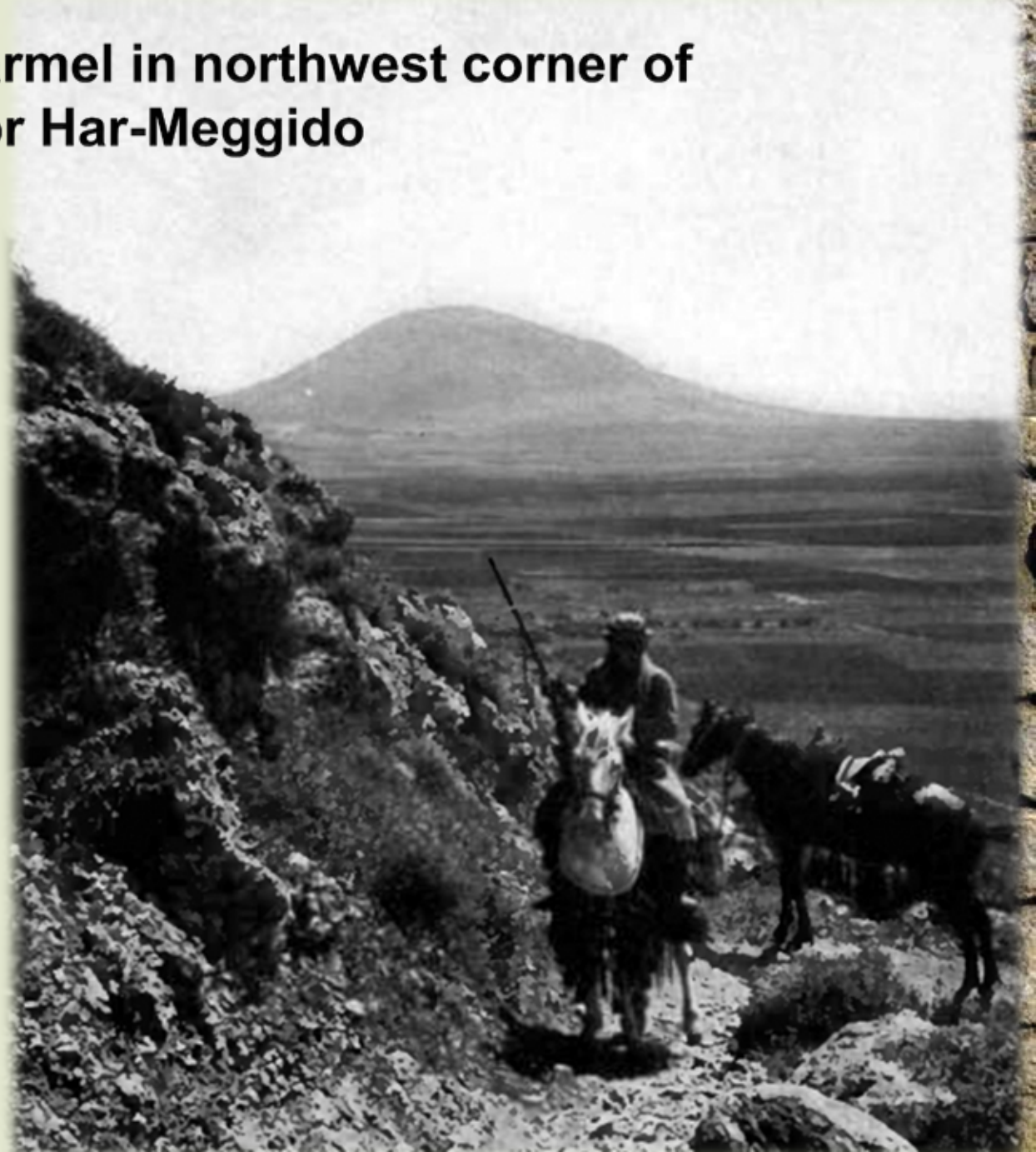
Mt. Tabor by Catherine Tobin, 1855

Jezreel Valley or
Valley of Har-Meggido



1912 Mt. Tabor, viewed from Mt. Carmel in northwest corner of eastern edge of Valley of Jezreel, or Har-Meggido

- ✓ By the 12th century, Mt. Tabor was believed to be the Mount of Transfiguration
- ✓ Top is almost 1900 feet above the Jezreel Valley, or Valley of Har-Meggido
- ✓ During 2nd Temple 516 B.C. - A.D. 70 a light beacon on top notified northern tribes of feast days and new months
- ✓ You can drive to the top ...
- ✓ There's a Church on top ...
was not back then 😊



Nazareth about 7 miles from Mt. Tabor
do west over this hill ...

Roman Catholic

Eastern Orthodox

Mt. Tabor summit with Church of Transfiguration
divided into Eastern Orthodox (northeast) and Roman Catholic

4:1-7 An Update Requested – Deborah Summons Barak

7 Then I will lure Sisera commander of Jabin's forces, his chariots, and his army at the **Wadi Kishon to fight against you, and I will hand him over to you.' "**



4:8-10 A Deal Struck – I will go ... IF you go.

⁸ Barak said to her, “If you will go with me, I will go. But if you will not go with me, I will not go.”

What happens here?

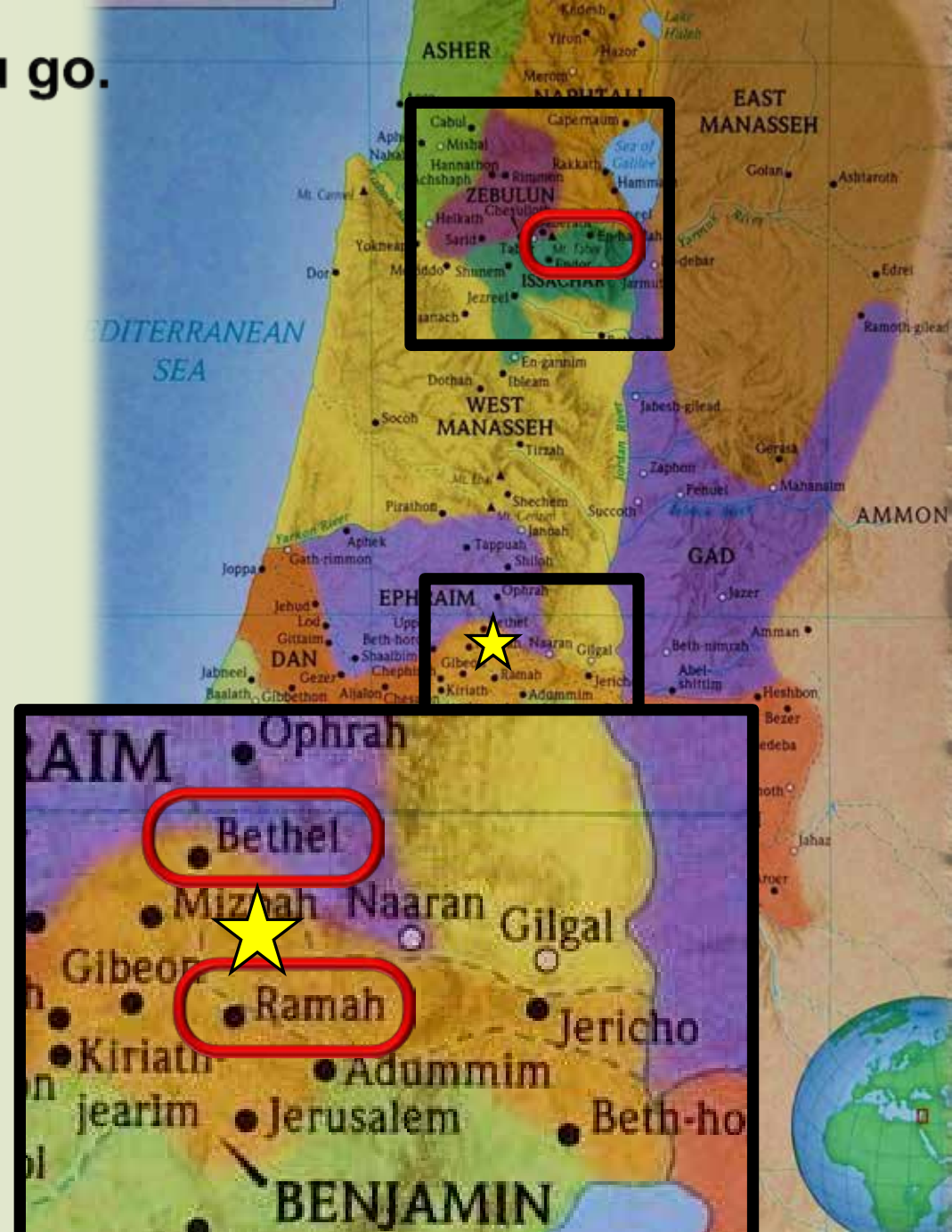
Barak, clearly a warrior ... yet, he also
KNOWS that Sisera is **MIGHTY** ...

FEAR is a **REAL** issue ...

REALITY is what the **WISE** confront
Barak ... would not go **WITHOUT** GOD

This **ALSO** says a world of good
about Deborah ... a **WOLRD** OF GOOD

If you will go with me, I will go.



4:8-10 A Deal Struck – I will go ... IF you go.

⁸ Barak said to her, “**If you will go with me, I will go. But if you will not go with me, I will not go.**”

Of ALL the people in Israel ... even 80 miles NORTH

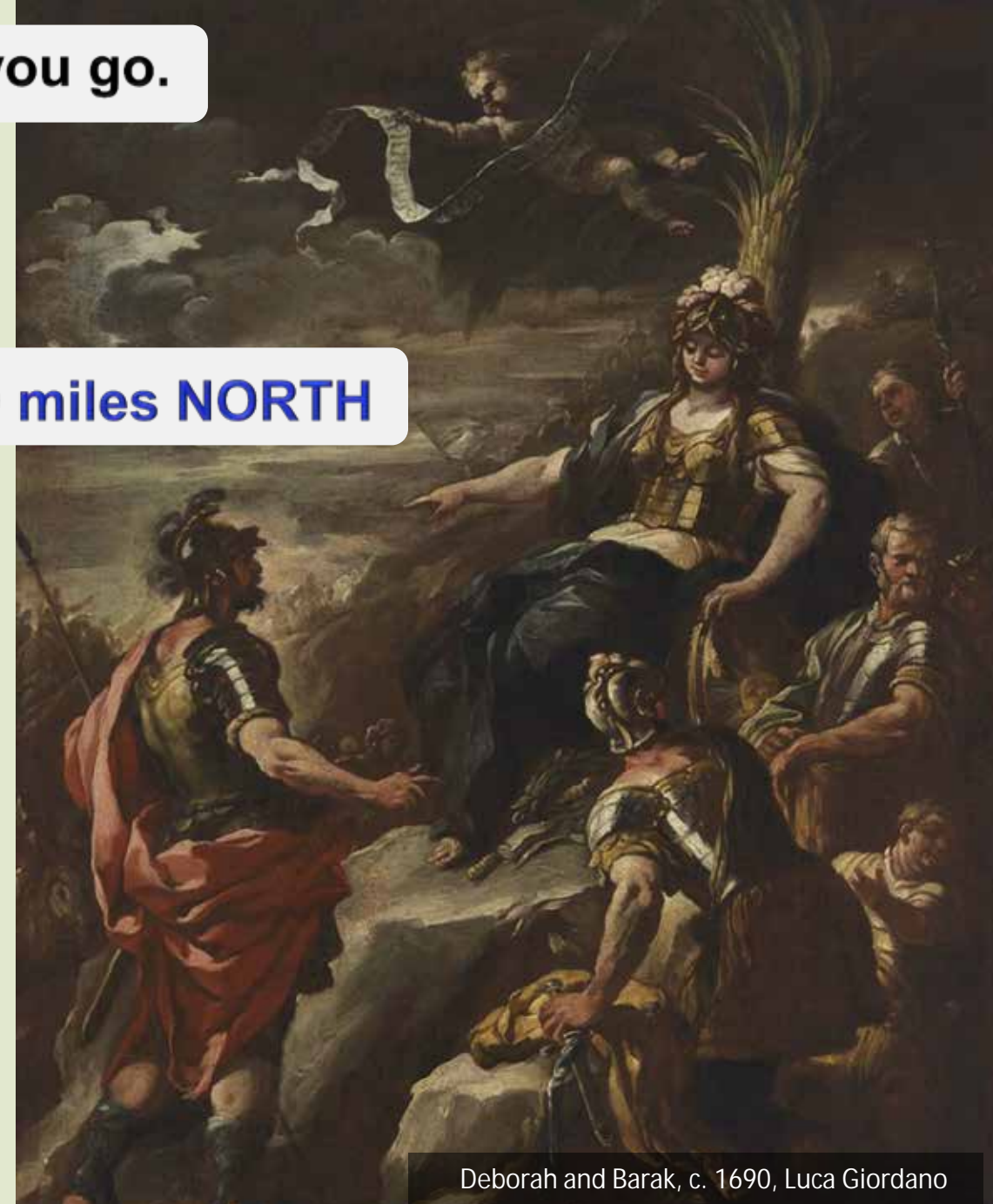
Deborah’s wisdom—*known far away*

Barak, on his own, w/out God,
facing the **20-year Mighty Menace**
Facing Sisera was a **Death Sentence**

The ONLY one Barak knew who
Spoke for God was Deborah ...

Then God reveals to Deborah ...

The FUTURE



Deborah and Barak, c. 1690, Luca Giordano

4:8-10 A Deal Struck – I will go ... IF you go.

Want to know the Mark of ... or the

Traits of Good Prophet?

SEEN in Deborah ... a Good Prophet

1. Is **AVAILABLE** to you
2. Knows & loves God
3. Gives solid, reliable **COUNSEL**
4. Is willing to go **WITH** you
5. Is able to tell the **FUTURE**

Deborah—people came FAR to her

When she saw Israel in need,
God guided her to Barak ...

then God guided them to WAR



Deborah and Barak, c. 1690, Luca Giordano

4:8-10 **A Deal Struck** – I will go ... IF you go.

Virginia Haynes, in her notes, said:

The Book of Judges is a gritty, dirty book.... filled with sin, violence and the judgment of God. It is an action book that probably appeals more to men than it does to women.

A modern counterpart would be the action and war movies that men find far more appealing than the romantic comedies preferred by the ladies....

Book of Judges is a book that actually elevates the position of women in Israelite society



Deborah and Barak, c. 1690, Luca Giordano

4:8-10 A Deal Struck – I will go ... IF you go.

Then God reveals to Deborah ...

The FUTURE

⁹ “I will go with you,” she said, “**but you will receive no honor on the road you are about to take, because the Lord will SELL Sisera into a WOMAN'S HAND.**”

We have no indication that Barak **DOES** or **DOES NOT** grasp this ...

It is possible that Barak does not care, as long as he & Israel **LIVE**

In that era, it was **EXCEEDINGLY** shameful to be **BESTED** by a Woman!



Deborah and Barak, c. 1690, Luca Giordano

4:8-10 A Deal Struck – I will go ... IF you go.

Then God reveals to Deborah ...

The FUTURE

... into a *WOMAN'S HAND*."

NOT ONLY THE FUTURE ...

Deborah **KNOWS** about Jael
80 miles to the NORTH ...

Deborah **INFLUENCE** was far & wide

Moreover, so was Jael's reputation

In a day with NO cell phones, TV, or
CNN and MSNBC ... that is

EXTRAORDINARY!



Deborah and Barak, c. 1690, Luca Giordano

4:8-10 A Deal Struck – I will go ... IF you go.

Last in this chapter, we see another woman named Jael

She **KILLS** General Sisera with a hammer & spike!



Jael and Sisera, c. 1739, by Jacopo Amigoni (1682–1752)
Museo del Settecento Veneziano, Ca' Rezzonico, Venice



4:8-10 A Deal Struck – I will go ... IF you go.

⁹ So Deborah got up and went
WITH Barak to Kedesh.

¹⁰ Barak summoned Zebulun and
Naphtali to **Kedesh**; 10,000 men
followed him, and Deborah also went
with him.

*I suppose they went around
Lake Huleh to **AVOID**
Hazor and King Jabin*

Rugged territory ... Ramah to Kadesh
80 Miles as the bird flies ...

Maybe 150 miles on foot or donkey



4:12-14 Orders Issued – Deborah Orders Charge

¹² It was reported to Sisera that Barak son of Abinoam had gone up Mount Tabor.

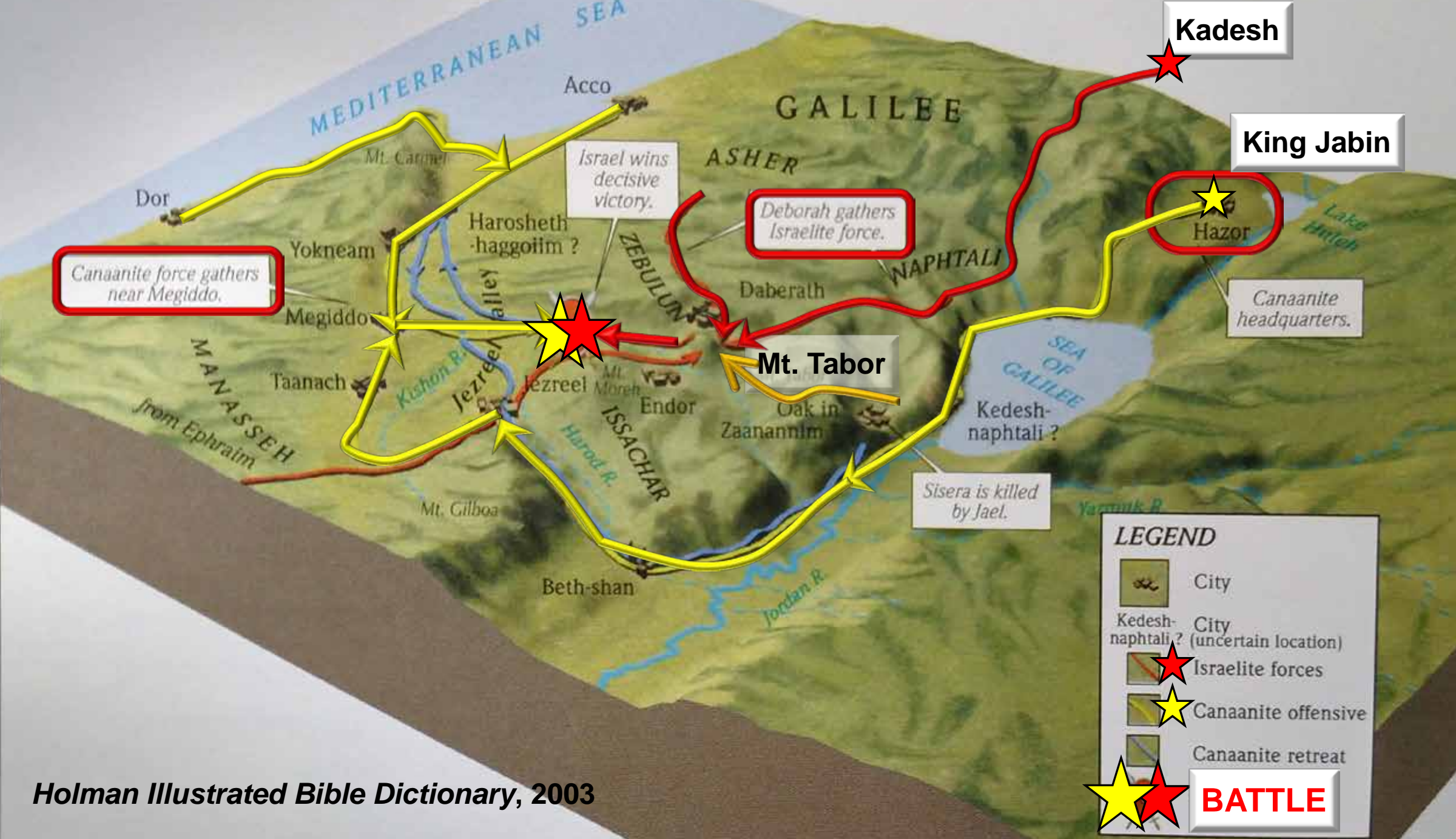
¹³ Sisera summoned all his 900 iron chariots and all the people who were with him from Harosheth of the Nations to the Wadi Kishon.

Or the Kishon River ...

“Wadi” is a river when it rains, but dry in dry seasons

Let's look closer ...





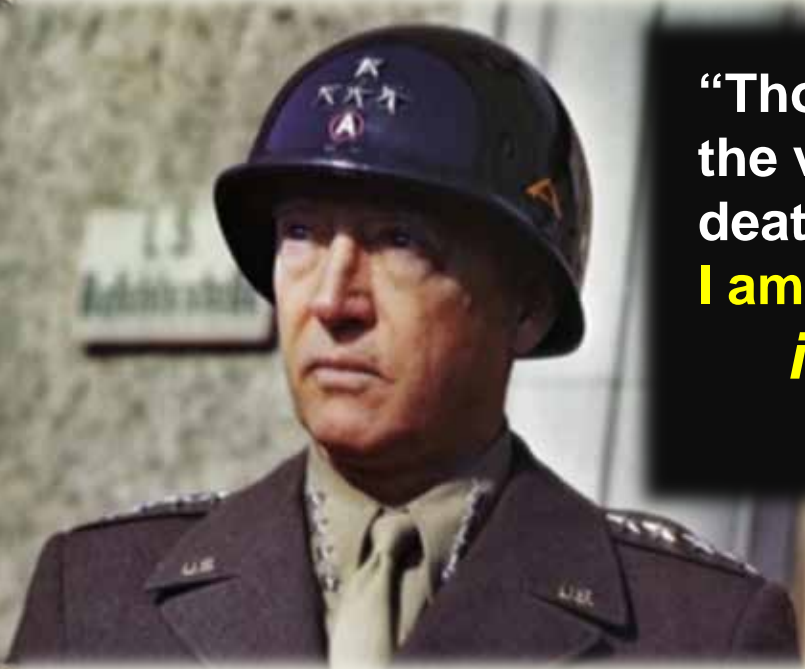
4:12-14 Orders Issued – Deborah Orders Charge

In verse 14, Deborah gives Barak the orders

No question who is leading this army

Barak appears to be the

Four Star General ...



“Though I may walk through
the valley of the shadow of
death, I will fear no evil, for
**I am the meanest #####
in the valley”**

– Gen. George S. Patton



Deborah ... Commander in Chief

Deborah & Barak, by Luca Giordano (1634-1705)

4:12-14 Orders Issued – Deborah Orders Charge

Orders ... followed ...

Fear ... most powerful to those **ALONE**

If you will go with me, I will go.

The POWER of a Friend ...

The POWER of a Family ...

The POWER of a GOD ...
through Family and Friends ...

Ohh ... we are NOT meant to be

ALONE

**If you will go with me,
I will go.**



Deborah & Barak, by Luca Giordano (1634-1705)

4:12-14 Orders Issued – Deborah Orders Charge

We were never meant to be

ALONE

Most of all ... we don't want to go through **DANGER** alone ... be that

- ✓ Struggle ... Conflict
- ✓ Loss ... Divorce
- ✓ Surgery ... Sickness
- ✓ Terminal Illness
- ✓ War ... Battle ... esp. *Death*

If you will go with me,

I will go.



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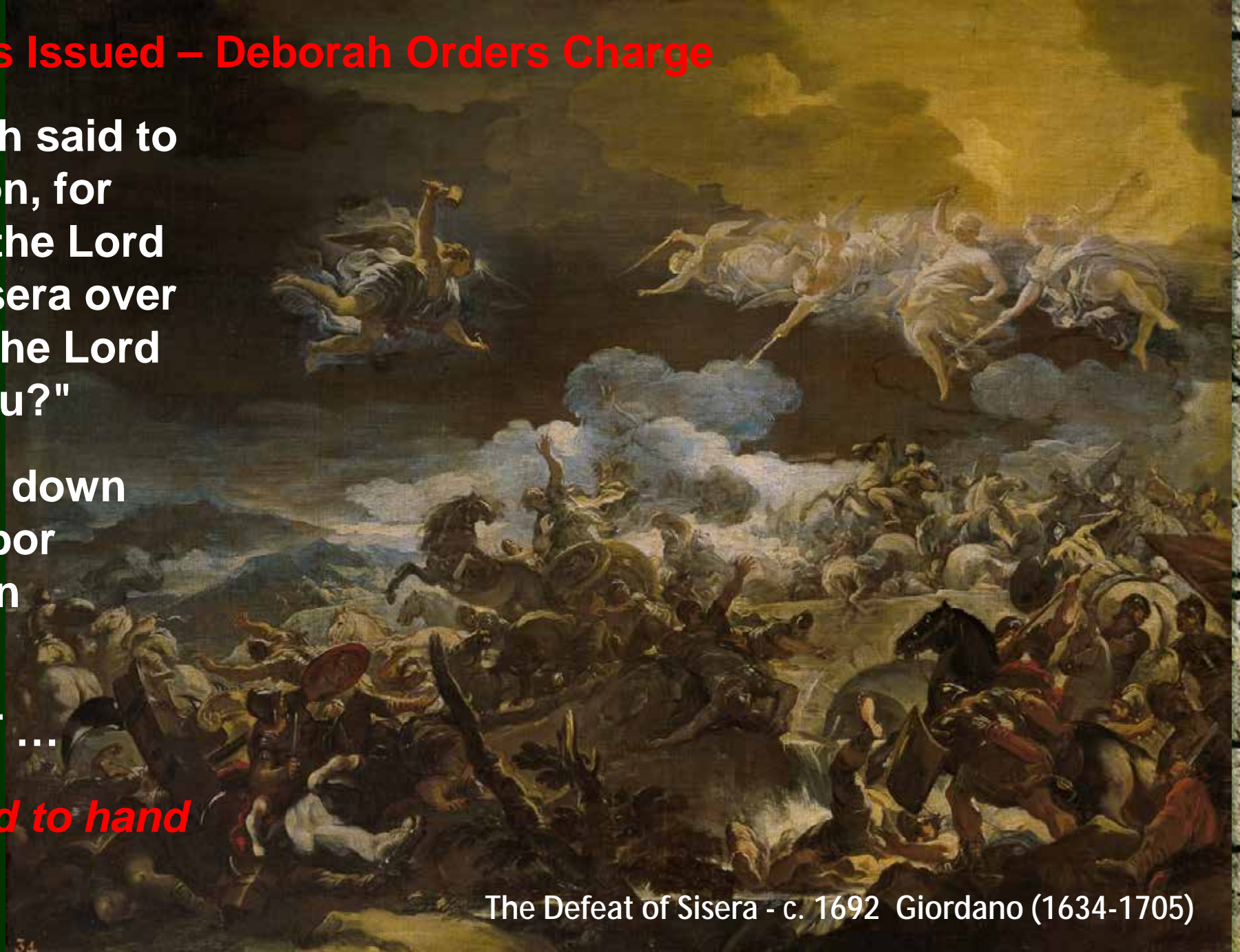
4:12-14 Orders Issued – Deborah Orders Charge

¹⁴ Then Deborah said to Barak, "Move on, for this is the day the Lord has handed Sisera over to you. Hasn't the Lord gone before you?"

So Barak came down from Mount Tabor with 10,000 men following him.

This is a FIGHT ...

A battle ... *hand to hand*



The Defeat of Sisera - c. 1692 Giordano (1634-1705)

4:15-16 Barak Devastates Sisera

¹⁵ At Barak's advance,
the LORD routed Sisera
and all his chariots and
army by the sword, and
Sisera got down from his
chariot and fled on foot.

¹⁶ Barak pursued the
chariots and army as far
as Harosheth Haggoyim,
and all Sisera's troops
fell by the sword;

not a man was left.

Harosheth Haggoyim:
“Smithy of Nations”



The Defeat of Sisera - c. 1692 Giordano (1634-1705)

4:17-24 Sisera's Assassination by Jael

¹⁷ Sisera, meanwhile, fled on foot to the tent of Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite, because there was an alliance between Jabin king of Hazor and ... Kenites.

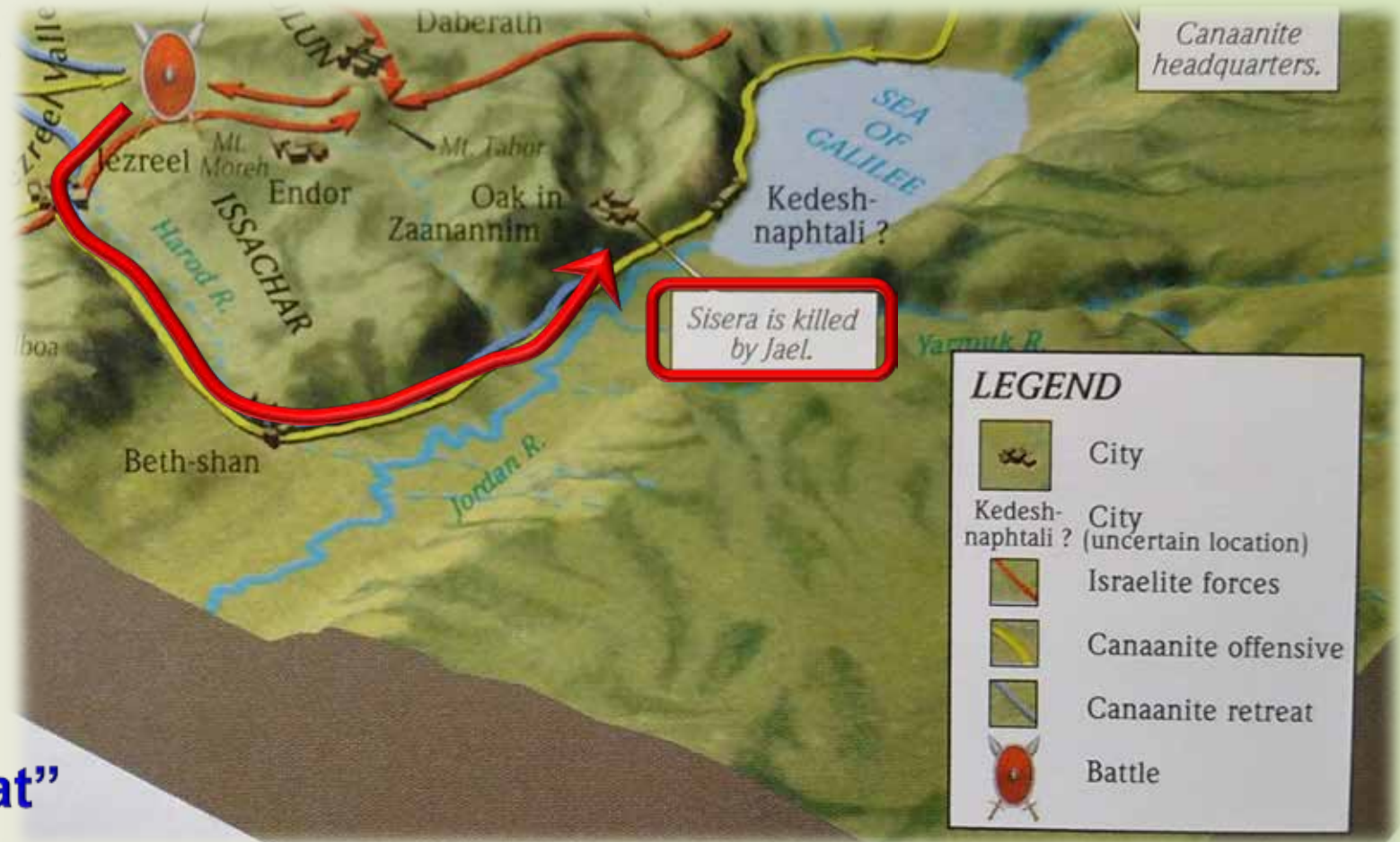
Sisera is thirsty

Jael means

“Mountain Goat”

Jael gave him a skin of milk and a BLANKEY

Sleep well ... sweet dreams ... you nasty bully ...



4:17-24 Sisera's Assassination

²¹ But Jael, Heber's wife, picked up a tent peg and a hammer and went quietly to him while he lay fast asleep, exhausted.

She drove the peg through his temple into the ground, and he died.

Did you get that?



Through the head into the
GROUND

Jael “**Mountain Goat**” then shows Barak the body of Sisera



Jael and Sisera, c. 1739, by Jacopo Amigoni (1682–1752)
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4:17-24 Sisera's Assassination

The Bible gives us a vast variety of people ...

In Judges 4, we have two **Mighty Women** that appear

FEARLESS

Without a second thought, **WOMEN** take up leadership

- ✓ Deborah for Barak & Israel
- ✓ Jael for Barak & Israel

Clear initiative & leadership

4:24 – Israel pressed harder & harder, destroying Jabin



Okay sweetie,
if you'll just lie
there a LITTLE
longer ...

Jael and Sisera, c. 1739, by Jacopo Amigoni (1682–1752)
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5:1-31 Deborah's Song

Just a clip ... she sings ...

⁷ Villagers in Israel would not fight;
they held back until I, Deborah, arose,
until I arose, a **Mother in Israel**.

⁸ God chose new leaders when war
came to the city gates, not a ... spear
was seen among 40,000 in Israel.

⁹ My heart is with Israel's princes,
with the willing **volunteers** among the
people. Praise the LORD!

.....



Song-of-Deborah-artist-Narcisse-Diaz-de-la-Pena-1807-76

5:1-31 Deborah's Song

³¹ “So may all your enemies perish,
LORD! But may all who love you be
like the sun when it rises in its
strength.”

Then the land had peace 40 years.

Peace at last ... for 40 years.

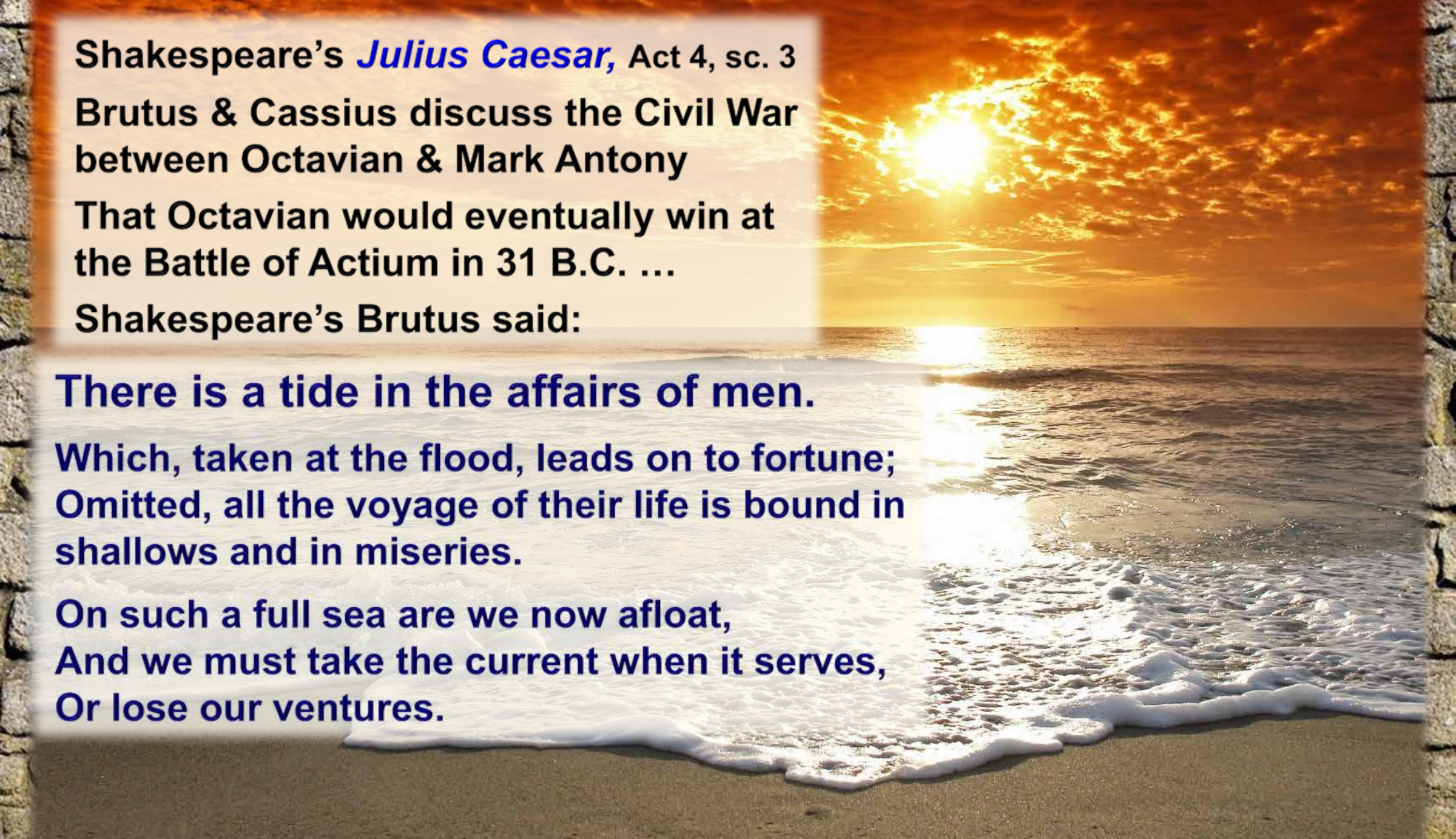
Tale of Two Mighty Women

Who were ***AVAILABLE***

At the right place ... right time ...

Statue of Debrah at the
at Monument Joseph Sec (1715-94)
Aix en Provence, France





Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*, Act 4, sc. 3
Brutus & Cassius discuss the Civil War
between Octavian & Mark Antony
That Octavian would eventually win at
the Battle of Actium in 31 B.C. ...

Shakespeare's Brutus said:

There is a tide in the affairs of men.

**Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;
Omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in
shallows and in miseries.**

**On such a full sea are we now afloat,
And we must take the current when it serves,
Or lose our ventures.**

Let me rephrase that ...

There is a tide in the affairs of **MEN**.

Which, taken at the flood, is better left to

WOMEN to take the lead ...

There is, indeed, a time to be

AVAILABLE

That, if missed, NEVER comes again ...

There are opportunities to HELP or AID

That ... if passed ... never return

The tide leaves ... never to return



Deborah and Barak, c. 1690, Luca Giordano



Ah ... reminds me another woman ...

She has the distinction of being the **ONLY** person, man or woman, in history to hold

Supreme Command of a nation's military at the age of 17

Biography by a childhood friend Louis de Conte

Translator said HER story was the **ONLY** one that came under oath from the witness stand

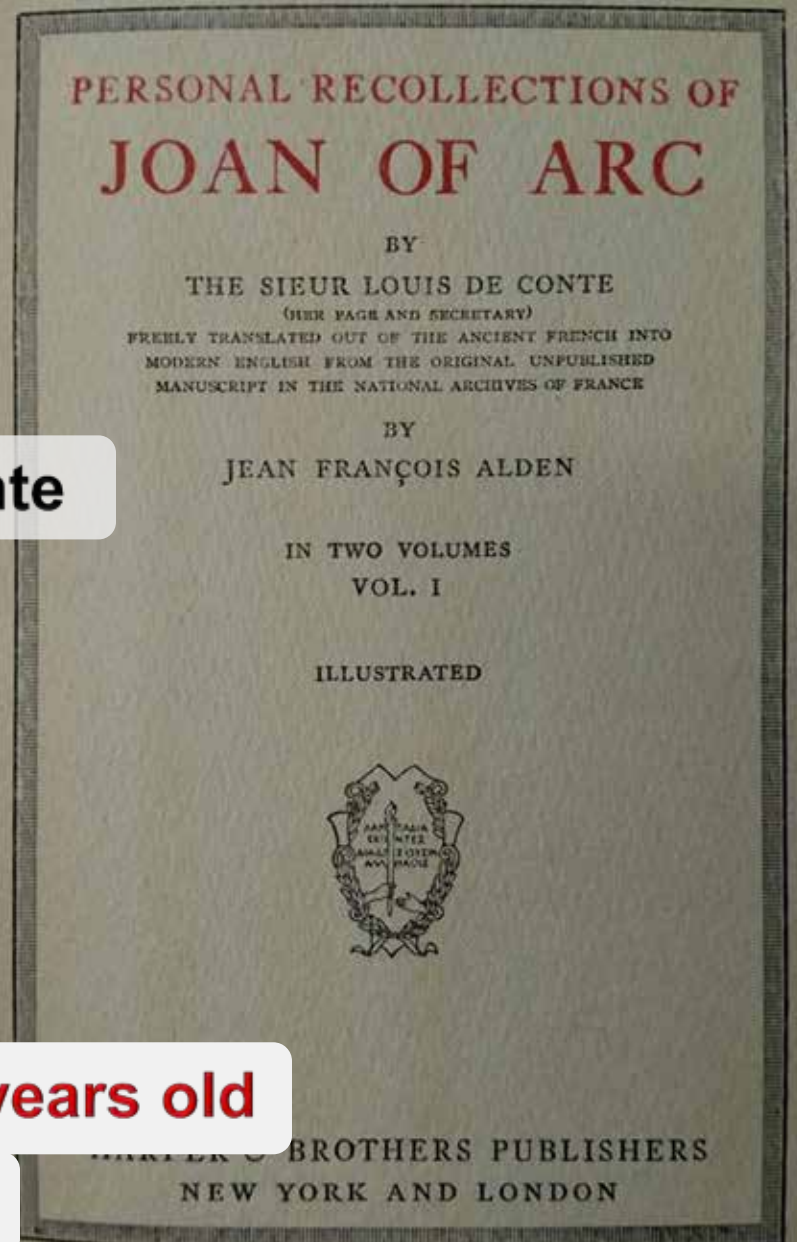
Great Trial of 1431, still in French archives

You know her as **Joan of Arc**

Hero of France during Hundred Years War

English **BURNED** her at the stake in 1431, **19 years old**

1456—Pope declared her **innocent** & a **martyr**



The translator waxes poetic ...

Translator Jean Francois Alden opened:

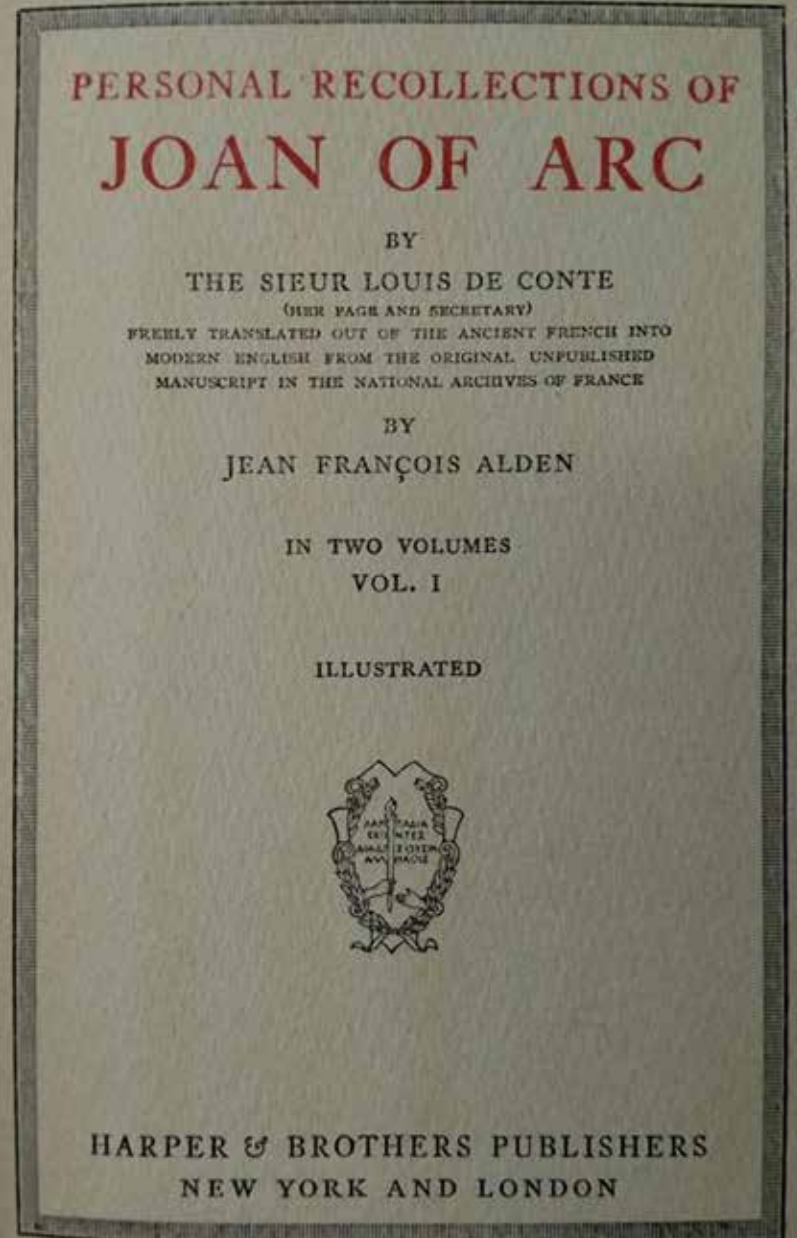
When we reflect that her century was the brutalist, the wickedest, the rottenest in history since the darkest ages,

we are lost in wonder at the miracle of such a product from such a soil.

The contrast between her and her century is the contrast between day and night.

She was truthful when lying was the common speech of men;

She was honest when honesty was become a lost virtue;



**She was a keeper of promises when
the keeping of a promise was
expected of no one;**

**She gave her great mind to great
thoughts ... when other great minds
wasted themselves ... upon poor
ambitions;**

**She was modest, and fine, and delicate
when to be loud and coarse might be
said to be universal;**

**She was full of pity when a merciless
cruelty was the rule;**

**She was steadfast when stability
was unknown;**



Joan at the Coronation of Charles VII
by Jean Auguste Dominique Ingres, 1854

And honorable in an age which
had forgotten what honor was;
She was a rock of convictions in a time
when men believed in nothing and
scoffed at all things;
She was unfailingly true in an age
that was false to the core;
She maintained her personal dignity
unimpaired in an age of fawnings....
She was of a dauntless courage when
hope and courage had perished in
the hearts of her nation....
She was all these things in an age
when crime was the common
business of lords and princes....



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Joan of Ark in A.D. 1400 ... aided France
Two WOMEN came to the AID of Israel
in circa 1200 B.C.

One, we know only a droplet about the
“Mountain Goat” Jael and her HAMMER

The other, Deborah, gave COURAGE
to General Barak who saved Israel

I doubtless say ...

To be as **AVAILABLE** as they were ...
to God and Family ...
is a noble, worthy aspiration

WOMEN—whose reputes survived the ages

WOMEN—
AVAILABLE to the Will of God



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Jael and Sisera, c. 1739
by Jacopo Amigoni (1682–1752)
Museo del Settecento Veneziano,



Deborah and Barak, c. 1690, Luca Giordano

Like those women may we

**Be Available
to God & Family in**

Great Need

View from Mt. Nebo



FBC Woodville
Sunday School Class
Michael G. Maness
see
PreciousHeart.net/SS

