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Judges 5 - Saved, Saved, Saved!

I. Deborah and Barak (Judges Ch. 4)

- A. The Marks of Israel's Canaanization (v. 1)
 - 1. A time reference
 - 2. A formulaic expression
- B. God's Agent of Punishment (v. 2)
 - 1. The Lord sold Israel
 - 2. Jabin, king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor
 - a. A dynastic name
 - b. A geographic advantage
 - c. A formidable army
- C. Israel's Response to the Oppression (v. 3)
 - 1. Two causal clauses
 - a. 900 chariots of iron
 - b. 20 years of oppression
 - 2. Israel cried to the Lord for help
- D. God's Agent of Deliverance (vv. 4-10)
 - 1. A prophetic agent (vv. 4-5)
 - 2. The commissioning of Barak (vv. 6-7)
 - 3. The hesitation of Barak (v. 8)
 - 4. The promise of divine presence (v. 9)
 - 5. The call to arms (v. 10)
- E. God's Gift of Deliverance From Oppression (vv. 11-22)
 - 1. A complication in the plot (v. 11)
 - 2. The defeat of the enemy army (vv. 12-16)
 - 3. The assassination of Sisera (vv. 17-22)
- F. God's Gift of Security (v. 23-24)

II. The Poetic Celebration (Judges Ch. 5)

A. Identifying the Characters

- 1. Jabin was king of Canaan and reigned in Hazor
- 2. Deborah was a prophetess and Judge

3. Barak is called upon to lead a military assault against the kings of Canaan
4. Sisera, commander of the Canaanite army
5. Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite

B. Listening to the Song

1. Preamble (v. 1)
2. Stanza One - Overture (vv. 2-3)
3. Stanza Two - Yahweh's Power (vv. 4-5)
4. Stanza Three - The Emergence of Deborah (vv. 6-8)
5. Stanza Four - Call for Praise of Yahweh (vv. 9-11c)
6. Stanza Five - An Accounting of the Acts of God's People (vv. 11d-18)
 - a. The Volunteers - Ephraim, Benjamin, Manasseh, Zebulun, and Issachar
 - b. The Resistors - Reuben, Gad, Dan, and Asher
7. Stanza Six - The Battle (vv. 19-23)
8. Stanza Seven - Praise of Jael (vv. 24-27)
9. Stanza Eight - Waiting in Vain (vv. 28-30)
10. Stanza Nine - Concluding Aspirations (v. 31)