

# Jael, A Weapon of War

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In our previous presentation, we looked at the story of Judges 4. The reason why I wanted to look at this, is because it illustrates an important story that's occurring in real time. When we looked at this study we saw how easy it is to make mistakes when we don't have more than one testimony, more than one witness. We need to use multiple rules in order to understand and explain the message, correctly. So, we have a story that talks about two women. It also talks about a fearful General and his soldiers. As well as the interaction between the leader of the movement, which happens to be a Prophetess and Judge, Deborah and her General. While it is a relationship of respect, it's also one of a lack of faith. Not a lack of faith in Deborah but a lack of faith in God. He strikes a deal with Deborah and says, *"when you send me to the river and I meet Sisera, I won't go without you."*

I want to remind you of a story that we're all familiar with when it comes to the subject of warfare. There's a nation that is standing by a river and another nation comes in its full fury to destroy the other. In that story, the **standing** nation fails.

**From what book and chapter was this story taken from?**

**Daniel 8, the Story of the Ram and the Goat**

In our story the **standing** army wins. It doesn't happen without the assistance of the Judge and the Prophetess but she doesn't complete the work. It's a woman called **Jael**, she's going to finish this work.

If you look at this woman's name, it means an Ibex.

An Ibex is a mountain goat. So, in Daniel 8, it's the goat that comes to the river, it's called a he-goat. This is not the same kind of goat as an Ibex. The Ibex is a goat that lives in the mountains.

What does the goat represent in accordance with our story?

A woman.

There's a tent.... and it's going to be held down by these pins or nails  
Why do we hammer these pins into the ground?

**When the wind comes it keeps the tent stable**

This wind is strife, doctrinal strife. Inspiration calls it the winds of doctrines. This is a symbol of the church. So, the pins are designed to stabilize the church from doctrinal attacks. Ellen White uses this concept of pins as doctrinal truths that support the structure.

If we had a platform...

that was supported by a framework, then at each joint it would be supported by a pin. In this model or platform (*sometimes Ellen White calls it the foundations of our faith*) the beams and the pins all represent doctrinal truth. We have a doctrinal truth which are the two beams, then we have a nail. These three doctrines or truths are completely worthless and they serve no purpose, until you put them together in a **framework**.

**So, we know what the pins represent...**

They are the doctrines that stabilize the church from external doctrinal forces. I said that this was a symbol of the bible or God's Word. Someone said it was **principles** or **rules**. However, a principle or a rule by itself is of no value. It has to be used for something or put into a structure. If you put a

pin in the wrong place you would end up tearing the tent. This is why you have special places to put the nail in order to secure the tent. I would like to call this the **third angels message** or the **\*Everlasting Gospel**.

## Near the close of earth's harvest...

There will be a special outpouring of God's Word or His Spirit. This is the unsealing of the book of Daniel. At the end of the work of the **First Angel**, in order to secure that church in its proper position, God will give His church to a **nail (an angel)**. The nail will be given to us to secure the church.

**What Angel comes after the First Angel?**

The **\*Third Angel** follows the first ...

Not the second. What is its job function when it **first** arrives? It is to stabilize or protect this newly formed church.

So, the **\*Third Angel (nail)** arrives to stabilize things. At some point, that **nail** will change its job function. From protecting the church from bad doctrine, to **\*preparing us for War** to attack and kill enemies. It goes from an instrument of work to a weapon of war. It needs the help of a **hammer**. So, now the hammer takes on a new function, **a killing function**.

**Who are the only people that are supposed to do this work? It's in Joel 3:9**

**All the Mighty Men...**

**I asked my brother earlier...**

If he was Barak? He didn't answer directly because when you look at Barak, I had put him in a negative light. He was a man with no faith. He wanted to hide behind Deborah. Not that he wanted her to die but that he knew she couldn't be killed. So her presence will protect him from harm's way. So, there is a **negative** light that's put upon men, in this story.

**Is it right to be fearful of your enemy because you are fewer in number?**

## **No, it's not right...**

I'm going to use this word "law" and "will" in a very loose sense, not in an accurate way. Is it against the *law* or is it against God's *will* to be afraid? Or, Is it displeasing to God for you to be afraid? **Yes, it is, because it shows a lack of faith.**

In earlier classes we defined what faith was. The image we drew was that of a lamp that showed its light, forward and backward. The past, the present and the future. This is the definition of two concepts, *prophecy* and *faith*.

**\*Faith is believing in things you cannot see, based upon things you have seen**

So, in this story Barak has no excuse not to trust in God. And yet he doesn't. This is why he wants Deborah to join him. However, if you do that you'll have to pay a price.

## **What is the price?**

**\*That Jael will receive the glory and honour that was supposed to be given to Barak**

In our school recently, we had some questions and we got into a discussion about the role of men and women in our movement. Most of you were not there. If you were *not* there I want to ask you a question.

I only want those who were *not* there to answer this question. Someone was scared and fearful. Who do you think that person was, a brother or a sister? **A brother.** If you weren't there how did you know that?

If you go through this story you have a brother and a sister. The brother's name is Barak and the sister's name is Deborah and who's scared? **Barak**. You didn't have to go to this school to know who was scared.

## In this story, who is Barak afraid of?

### Sisera...

Are we fighting Sisera yet? Not yet. In the future that brother will be afraid of **Sisera**, who is the **army or the host of Jabin**?

*“Arms shall stand on his part” “Captain shall stand on his part”*

Who is the, **his**? What's their name, in our story? Who's **part** does Sisera stand on? **It's Jabin's**. So, Sisera will help Jabin to attack Barak and Barak will be scared. In our school, instead of the brother being scared of Sisera, he was afraid of the sister. Which sister was he afraid of? My brother says Deborah. You should know even if you weren't there.

**Who's going to get the glory, Deborah or Jael? Jael.**

What does Jael mean? Mountain Goat or Ibex. What does this mountain goat do? **It climbs up a mountain**. So, you start off with Jael, which means mountain goat and then it comes from another word which means **to climb**. Which then comes from another word, which means to **ascend** or be **raised up**. That's what happens when you climb. So, the root word is **ascend** which means to be **raised up** and you trace that to the goat which is Jael. So, we have traced the word. We already recognized who the brother was afraid of.

### Where is Jael?

At the bottom of the mountain. So when she ascends she will also be lifted up. The brother is afraid of that because if she gets lifted up what's going to happen to him? He's going to **descend**. He's worried that the sister might become more famous or more powerful than him.

## Was John the Baptist worried about that?

What did he say? *"I must descend and He must ascend."* The **second messenger** must ascend and the **first messenger** must descend. John doesn't have this problem. Neither does Barak. I ask a question for all of our brothers here. Are you Barak? Do you have a problem, not with having a female leader because you see that God placed her there and you accept it. **However, do you have a problem with a normal woman?** And according to her name **she will ascend**. We already know what's going to happen to Barak, it's already been prophesied. He will descend. For those of us who are concerned about what **gender equality** looks like, it's not just about the work a woman does compared to the work a man does. It's not about who does the worship washing and who does the cooking.

These things might impact you on a personal level but this is about the **role of women in God's movement**. And far too often we hear questions from our brothers that go like this: *What will happen when the sister is lifted up or ascends? Does that mean she doesn't have to do any work at home? Does it mean if I have to go to work that she has to go to work, too?*

Does it mean that I have to cook, now?

**This is not what this story is teaching...**

This is a story about a tent and its security. This is the story about the **role of women in God's movement**. Do not look to your society for directions on this issue. Do not ask what your family will think of this. This is the story about a tent and how it is secured from doctrinal attacks. When the **empowerment** of the **Third Angel** comes, the bible is already telling us that women will begin to ascend. They will be instrumental in finishing this work.

Is **Jael** trained to do her job? No, she's not. She's trained to milk an animal but she's not trained to kill. When we start considering these issues we can't look at a woman when she's at the bottom of the mountain, untrained (*in reference to the goat*). All she knows is how to milk an animal.

## **We have to see her as she will ascend...**

to the place where she is a ***Valiant Warrior***. The skills that she has learned with the tools that we have used to stabilize the church, the ***Third Angel's Message***, she will turn into a ***Weapon of Warfare***.

I know that we can interpret these stories in different ways, and people might be inclined to make this woman ***just the church***. If that were the case, who would Barak be? It's not so easy to just spiritualize that woman away. We have a clear story of ***intergender*** issues of the role of men and women in God's church.

One thing that this story is showing us, is that ***\*men are afraid that God has selected women to do a work that is equal to men.***

Do not look to your sisters who are at the bottom, because they need to ascend. Men should not be afraid of that, they should embrace it like ***Barak*** did.

The only reason that a man or a brother would be afraid of this is because of...

Jealousy

**It's 2020, why are we still struggling with jealousy.**

## Why are we not willing to place a helping hand to allow our sisters to ascend?

Let's go to another story, a story for us that is 6000 years old... remember our story between Barak and Jael. There's a person that is being told the following: ***“There is someone who is going to come afterwards and what will they do”?***

They will ***ascend*** and be lifted up. When they are lifted up what will happen to you? You will ***descend*** as they ascend. If you have to descend, where are you? You're at the top of the mountain and the other person is at the bottom.

What would happen if you had a pulley? One bucket goes up, the other bucket ***must*** go down. It's the law of life, a scientific principle. If one goes up the other must go down.

In this story, in order for this person to ascend, they are not going to ascend by themselves, they need to be helped and trained.

Who will train the person to be lifted up and ascend? I'll give you ***one*** clue, the story is about ***two*** people. There's no one else in the story.

The person at the top will have to help this one at the bottom. As this person helps what will happen? The one at the ***bottom will ascend*** and the one at the ***top will descend***.

I'll explain it in a different way. The top bucket is full of glory, the bottom bucket has no glory. How does the person at the top, help the person at the bottom? What does he need to do?

**The person at the top has to give the person at the bottom their glory**



Then the roles will reverse. In this story was the top person willing to do this? Two things, first there's a prediction that the bottom person will ascend and the top person will descend. What did the top person say?

**“That's not fair”**

## **Second thing....**

not only was it not fair, but what he was told to do, (*in order for this to happen*) was to give up what he had and give it to the other person. So, the person at the **top** had to train the person at the **bottom**. You have to train the person to take your position. They will take your position at the top and you have the responsibility to train them in that role.

**What story is this? Who is the person at the top?**

The **top** person is ***Lucifer***, and the **bottom** person is ***Adam***

## **Adam had no glory....**

and no training, and when he is created he's going to take ***Lucifer's*** job. ***Who has to train him in his new job?*** Lucifer has to. It's like cutting someone, then you rub some salt into the wound, to make it hurt more. That's what having to train that person to take your job is like, it hurts.

So, let's bring that concept into our story. If you're a brother, (*Barak*) ***\*you're scared, you don't have faith, which means you don't understand prophecy correctly.*** So, someone is going to do the job for you. ***Jael, the mountain goat.***

# She will *ascend* and you will *descend...*

Without your help as a brother, as a man, in this movement, to train her, ***she will not ascend.***

In our movement men have a choice. First of all, they don't have a choice about Deborah. They accept her and see that she is powerful and ordained by God. ***The problem is Jael.*** You're supposed to be afraid of ***Sisera*** but actually you're afraid of ***Jael.*** If you're afraid of your sisters taking your glory, think about the consequences of what you're saying.

***\*First of all, you don't understand how prophecy works...***

***\*Second, prophecy will not be fulfilled.*** The story clearly teaches that a woman will finish this work. And, it's not the female leader that will finish this work, it's ***Jael.*** I want to speak to the sisters here. You might find yourself at the bottom of the mountain and you know it's difficult even for a goat to climb a mountain. However, these goats have ***innate abilities***, they are born to do this. If you are chosen as a woman to enter into this movement, you were born-again in terms of baptism, you were born to have all the abilities to do this work.

Don't look at your current situation, look at what prophecy teaches will happen. ***If you're a sister here wherever you are in the world, you are required to ascend.*** To receive glory that only a warrior receives. You're required to take this work instrument and turn it into a weapon of war. If you don't do that, you will be set aside and lose eternal life....

I speak to the brothers. If you don't see the necessity, if you don't take up your responsibility, as Lucifer was given, to take all your glory, your position and voluntarily hand it over to a woman, ***You will be swept away.***

If your excuse is that your sister is not trained to do this work, you have a valid argument because she is not.

Whose job is it to train her willingly and voluntarily? Does she need to be self trained?

**My brother says it's his job.**

**If you can see this from these simple stories, what would your name be?**

**LUCIFER**

**We laugh...**

because we think Lucifer is a bad name. What does Lucifer mean? ***The Lightbearer.***

To give up his position and glory in order to train his sister and allow her to take his job function. What title would he be entitled to

have? It's a title that the sister will *not* have.

## The Lightbearer ...

As a brother in this movement, not in Sudanese culture, not as an african, don't look to society for clues and ideas. Don't make excuses of how your house is run or how your society works. This is the house of God. \*If you want the title of *Lightbearer*, you must **decrease** and you must train your sisters to **increase**.

Adam is a baby, he has no ability to ascend. Lucifer has to be that person to train him. This is God's order. It's not just an honorable job, it's also a **beautiful experience**. If you have a problem in allowing your sisters to ascend, because you're worried about what will happen to you....

## Your name changes from Lucifer to Satan

Too many brothers here have Satanic principles and ideas. Instead of being like Barak, they end up taking the wrong role that *Lucifer* took. We have taken literally hundreds of hours in presentations to explain this issue. We have question after question particularly from brothers to explain this. They ask if we can explain this because they have so many questions. *Lucifer* had many questions, too. But, those questions were not because he didn't understand, it was because of **jealousy**. He didn't want to do what he was told because he wants to retain his glory. If you hold on to your position, **you will die**.

**I'm talking to every single brother here**

I'm talking to the sisters here ... it's not easy to climb a mountain if you are fearful and you believe it's not possible. If you decide it's too much effort, too dangerous or too difficult. If you look at the mirror instead of looking to Jael, you too, **will be lost**. This story begins with Barak and Lucifer, so as we close I want us to be clear about the work that confronts us, today. We have less than two years in order to get our house in order. Before the second advent, all of this needs to be settled. Jael needs to have ascended. Adam needs to have taken the place of Lucifer and it takes time to be trained.

**The men in this room, some are in leadership positions and some are just regular members. If you're not willing to turn around and look at your sisters in a different way. If you're not willing to allow them to ascend and to be trained in order to become equal to you, to be a mighty warrior, then *you will be lost*.**

In our school recently in Uganda, we discussed this very issue. We didn't do it from the book of Judges 4, we approached it from a different book and a different chapter. If you were there, what book did we look at pertaining to this same issue? **\*Deuteronomy 22:5,**

***“A man shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a woman, and a woman shall not put on the garment of a man.”***

We took that principle and we came to the same conclusions with the story of Barak and Deborah.

**What is Jael required to do?**

**“Wear that which pertaineth unto a man”**

If she does not do this, she fails in her mission. If the man does not allow this, he will go from the Lightbearer to ***Satan***

These are life and death issues.

Let's take this subject seriously.

To be continued in our next study.....