



Deborah - “Woman of Light” – Judges 4

Deborah דְּבוֹרָה “Bee” ~ The Prophetess - אִשָּׁה נְבִיאָה “a woman Prophet” (Judg 4:4). The one Judge that stands out like a beautiful thumb in the Book of Judges has got to be Deborah! Judges 4:4 says that “Deborah was the wife of Lappidot” - ‘eshet Lappidot אִשְׁתַּ לַּפִּידוֹת . Now this is an interesting phrase in Hebrew that has another intriguing translation. The Hebrew word for “wife” אִשָּׁה ‘ishah also means “woman”. The Hebrew word Lappidot has a feminine plural noun ending (-ōt) which is strange

for a man’s name. Moreover, the Hebrew word Lappidot literally means “torches” which is an instrument of bright Light and Fire that gives Light in the darkness. Therefore, the verse in Judges 4:4 could read: “Deborah was a Woman Prophet, a Woman of Light (Torches), She was a Judge of Israel in that time.” I don’t know about you, but I like that translation much better. It makes way more sense and helps to clarify who Deborah really was and her sacred abilities to project the Light of God. 🔥

Deborah the Woman

Let’s take a deeper look at this amazing true Judge. First of all, Yes, Deborah was a woman. It says so in Hebrew in Judg 4:2: דְּבוֹרָה אִשָּׁה Devorah ‘ishah “And Deborah was a woman...” This verse also clearly states in Hebrew that Deborah was a woman Prophet אִשָּׁה נְבִיאָה ‘ishah Nevi’ah. It also says that Deborah was a wife of Lappidot or a Woman of Light (Torches). 🔥

Deborah’s Name Meaning

- Her name means “Bee” perhaps a “Honey Bee”.
- Reminds one of the “Honey” blessings of the Promised Land.
- In Hebrew דְּבוֹרָה her name is pronounced, Devorah.
- In ancient times, Bees were a symbol of kingship.
- See Ether 2:3, & Egyptian Deseret Kings crown.

Deborah the Ephraimite

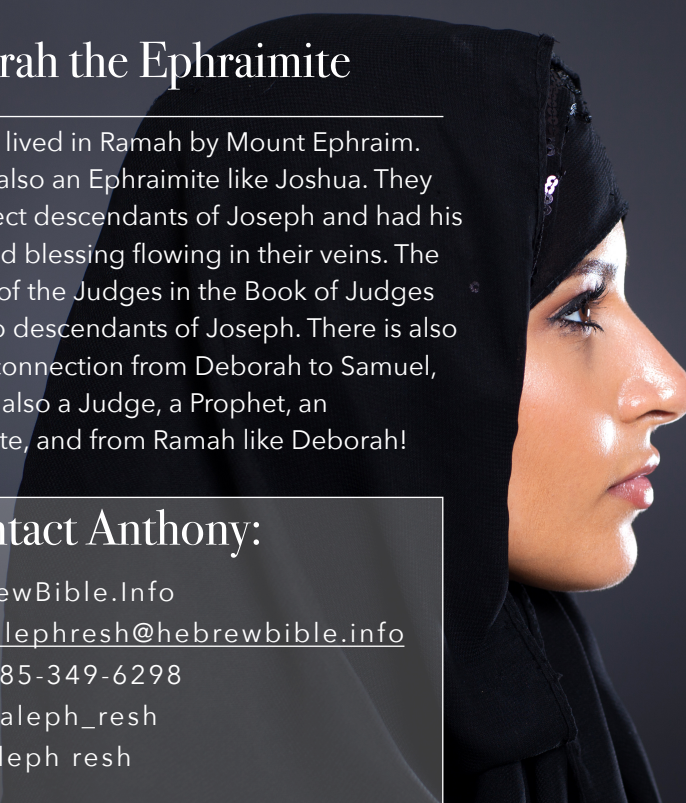
Deborah lived in Ramah by Mount Ephraim. She was also an Ephraimite like Joshua. They were direct descendants of Joseph and had his blood and blessing flowing in their veins. The majority of the Judges in the Book of Judges were also descendants of Joseph. There is also a direct connection from Deborah to Samuel, who was also a Judge, a Prophet, an Ephraimite, and from Ramah like Deborah!

Deborah the Judge

There is a direct connection from Joshua to Deborah. Deborah is the only Judge in the Book of Judges who is functioning as a real Judge with full authority and respect to do so, who is also a Prophet (Judg 4:4-5). The other Judges in the Book of Judges are not functioning like a Judge who had the wisdom and skill to Judge the People like Deborah did. Next, Deborah is also an Ephraimite like Joshua. We also see in the narrative of Deborah the return of the name Jethro who is called Hobab here (Judg 4:11). Jethro was the Priest of Midian who ehad authority to stablished the Judges with Moses in Exodus 18. I don’t think that is a coincidence.

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Deborah the Warrior

Deborah marched together with Barak and an army of 10,000 warriors from the Tribes of Naphtali and Zebulun to Mount Tabor to meet Sisera the Canaanite Captain with his multitude of chariots. Deborah prophesied that Yehovah would deliver the powerful Canaanite army into the hands of Barak's army and that Sisera would be slain by the hand of a woman, even the brave Midianite woman Jael, who fulfilled Deborah's prophecy (Judg 4:17-22).



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וּדְבוֹרָה אִשָּׁה נְבִיאָה אִשָּׁת לְפִידוֹת הִיא שֹׁפֵטָה אֶת־יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּעֵת הַהִיא:

Deborah the Prophet, Judge, and Ephraimite



Not only does she stand out, but she plays a critical role in Israel and the legacy of the righteous followers of Yehovah. Moreover Deborah plays a critical role in the line of righteous prophets from Joshua to Samuel. Judges 4:2 clearly states in Hebrew that Deborah was a woman Prophet אִשָּׁה נְבִיאָה 'ishah Nevi'ah. Now you can try

to explain away that she is just some woman with a testimony of God and therefore she is lesser a Prophet than say Joshua. I completely disagree. And I would be confident enough to say that she was a Prophet just like Joshua. Let me explain. Joshua was a direct descendant of Joseph, from the Tribe of Ephraim, who held presiding priesthood authority from Moses, who received his presiding priesthood authority from Jethro, the Midianite Priest. Joshua in his leadership as Prophet, Judge, and Leader of Israel, resembled Moses in every way. The only difference between the two of them was that Joshua was an Ephraimite and Moses was a Levite. Moreover Deborah may have been married under the Everlasting Covenant of Marriage and therefore an authorized woman.

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