

~JABIN 2 (154)

(Ja'bin) [possibly, Discerning, Understanding, or, One Who Builds]

- A later Canaanite king who ruled from the restored Hazor, possibly a descendant of **JABIN 1**. **Jabin's** being called, the king of Canaan, might denote supremacy over the other Canaanite kings, granting him exceptional power and authority, it does appear that there were others at least allied with him.
- On the other hand, the expression might merely distinguish him from kings of other lands. **Jabin's** army, including 900 chariots with iron scythes, was under the command of Sisera, who takes greater prominence in the account than **Jabin** himself.
- So Yehowah sold them into the hand of **Jabin** the king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor, and the chief of his army was Sisera, and he was dwelling in Harosheth of the nations. (**Judges 4:2**)
- And the sons of Israel began to cry out to Yehowah, because he had nine hundred war chariots with iron scythes, and he himself oppressed the sons of Israel with harshness twenty years. (**Judges 4:3**)
- Kings came, they fought; It was then that the kings of Canaan fought in Taanach by the waters of Megiddo. No gain of silver did they take. (**Judges 5:19**)
- From heaven did the stars fight, from their orbits they fought against Sisera. (**Judges 5:20**)
- By Yehowah's permission, **Jabin** harshly oppressed apostate Israel 20 years. But on their calling to God for deliverance, Yehowah raised up Barak and Deborah to lead Israel to victory over **Jabin's** army. Sisera was killed by the wife of Heber the Kenite, who had been at peace with Jabin.
- And the sons of Israel began to cry out to Yehowah, because he had nine hundred war chariots with iron scythes, and he himself oppressed the sons of Israel with harshness twenty years. (**Judges 4:3**)
- Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lappidoth, was judging

Israel at that particular time. (**Judges 4:4**)

- And she was dwelling under Deborah's palm tree between Ramah and Bethel in the mountainous region of Ephraim, and the sons of Israel would go up to her for judgment. (**Judges 4:5**)
- And she proceeded to send and call Barak the son of Abinoam out of Kedesh-naphtali and to say to him; Has not Yehowah the God of Israel given the command? Go and you must spread yourself out on Mount Tabor, and you must take with you ten thousand men out of the sons of Naphtali and out of the sons of Zebulun. (**Judges 4:6**)
- And I shall certainly draw to you at the torrent valley of Kishon Sisera the chief of **Jabin's** army and his war chariots and his crowd, and I shall indeed give him into your hand. (**Judges 4:7**)
- At this Barak said to her; If you will go with me, I also shall certainly go, but if you will not go with me, I shall not go. (**Judges 4:8**)
- To this she said; Without fail I shall go with you. Just the same, the beautifying thing will not become yours on the way that you are going, for it will be into the hand of a woman that Yehowah will sell Sisera. With that Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh. (**Judges 4:9**)
- And Barak began to call Zebulun and Naphtali together to Kedesh, and ten thousand men went on up following his steps, and Deborah went on up with him. (**Judges 4:10**)
- Incidentally Heber the Kenite had separated from the Kenites, the sons of Hobab, whose son-in-law Moses was, and he had his tent pitched near the big tree in Zaanannim, which is at Kedesh. (**Judges 4:11**)
- Then they reported to Sisera that Barak the son of Abinoam had gone up to Mount Tabor. (**Judges 4:12**)
- At once Sisera called together all his war chariots, the nine hundred war chariots with iron scythes, and all the people that were with him, out of Harosheth of the nations to the torrent valley of Kishon. (**Judges 4:13**)

- Deborah now said to Barak; Get up, for this is the day that Yehowah will certainly give Sisera into your hand. Is it not Yehowah that has gone out before you? And Barak went descending from Mount Tabor with ten thousand men behind him. (Judges 4:14)
- And Yehowah began to throw Sisera and all his war chariots and all the camp into confusion by the edge of the sword before Barak. Finally Sisera got down off the chariot and took to flight on foot. (Judges 4:15)
- And Barak chased after the war chariots and the camp as far as Harosheth of the nations, so that all the camp of Sisera fell by the edge of the sword. Not as much as one remained. (Judges 4:16)
- As for Sisera, he fled on foot to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite, for there was peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the household of Heber the Kenite. (Judges 4:17)
- Then Jael came on out to meet Sisera and said to him; Turn this way, my lord, turn this way to me. Do not be afraid. So he turned aside to her into the tent. Later she covered him with a blanket. (Judges 4:18)
- In time he said to her; Give me, please, a little water to drink, for I am thirsty. Accordingly she opened a skin bottle of milk and gave him a drink, after which she covered him. (Judges 4:19)
- And he went on to say to her; Stand at the entrance of the tent, and it must occur that if anybody comes and does ask you and says, Is there a man here? You must then say; No! (Judges 4:20)
- And Jael the wife of Heber proceeded to take a pin of the tent and to put the hammer into her hand. Then she went to him stealthily and drove the pin into his temples and beat it into the earth, while he was fast asleep and weary. So he died. (Judges 4:21)
- And, look! there was Barak pursuing Sisera. Jael now came on out to meet him and said to him; Come and I shall show you the man you are looking for. So in he went to her, and, look! There was Sisera fallen dead, with the pin in his temples. (Judges 4:22)

- The Israelites continued warring against **Jabin** and finally put him to death.
- Thus God subdued **Jabin** the king of Canaan before the sons of Israel on that day. (**Judges 4:23**)
- And the hand of the sons of Israel went on getting harder and harder against **Jabin** the king of Canaan, until they had cut off Jabin the king of Canaan. (**Judges 4:24**)
- Do to them as to Midian, as to Sisera, as to **Jabin** at the torrent valley of Kishon. (**Psalms 83:9**)
- They were annihilated at En-dor, they became manure for the ground. (**Psalms 83:10**)