

~Jael (111)

(Ja'el) [Mountain Goat]

- The wife of Heber the Kenite, hence a non-Israelite, and slayer of the Canaanite army chief Sisera.
- With her husband, **Jael** tented near Kedesh, and there was peace between Heber and the Canaanite oppressors.
- 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**)
- 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**)
- 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**)
- After Sisera was defeated at Israel's hand, he fled to Heber's neutral encampment, where **Jael** invited him into her tent. She then covered him with a blanket.
- When he asked for water she gave him a banquet bowl of curdled milk to drink. After she again covered him up, he asked her to stand guard at the entrance of the tent.
- Thinking himself secure as her guest, the tired and weary Sisera soon fell fast asleep. Jael, who as a tent dweller was undoubtedly used to driving tent pins into the ground, then quietly came in to him armed with a hammer and a tent pin that she drove through his head into the earth. When the pursuer Barak arrived, she showed him the army chief, dead at the hand of a woman, as Deborah foretold.

- 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**)
- 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**)
- **Jael's** courageous act against the enemy of Yehowah is extolled in the victory song of Deborah and Barak, which also pronounces **Jael** most blessed among women.
- In the days of Shamgar the son of Anath, in the days of **Jael**, pathways had no traffic, and the travelers of roadways would travel by roundabout pathways. (**Judges 5:6**)

- **Jael** the wife of Heber the Kenite will be most blessed among women, among women in the tent she will be most blessed. (**Judges 5:24**)
- Water he asked, milk she gave; In the large banquet bowl of majestic ones she presented curdled milk. (**Judges 5:25**)
- Her hand to the tent pin she then thrust out, and her right hand to the mallet of hard workers. And she hammered Sisera, she pierced his head through, and she broke apart and cut up his temples. (**Judges 5:26**)
- Between her feet he collapsed, he fell, he lay down. Between her feet he collapsed, he fell. Where he collapsed, there he fell overcome. (**Judges 5:27**)

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