

~MEROZ (101)
(Me'roz)

- **A place cursed by an angel for not coming to the assistance of Yehowah.**
- **Curse **Meroz**, said the angel of Yehowah, Curse its inhabitants incessantly, for they did not come to the assistance of Yehowah, to the assistance of Yehowah with the mighty ones. (Judges 5:23)**
- **It may be that the inhabitants of **Meroz** did not aid Yehowah's designated commander Barak in the actual fight against the Canaanites under Sisera.**
- **Mountains flowed away from the face of Yehowah, this Sinai away from the face of Yehowah, Israel's God. (Judges 5:5)**
- **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)**
- **The dwellers in open country ceased, in Israel they ceased, until I, Deborah, rose up, until I rose up as a mother in Israel. (Judges 5:7)**
- **They proceeded to choose new gods. It was then there was war in the gates. A shield could not be seen, nor a lance, among forty thousand in Israel. (Judges 5:8)**
- **My heart is for the commanders of Israel, who were volunteers among the people. Bless Yehowah. (Judges 5:9)**
- **You riders on yellowish-red she-asses, you who sit on rich carpets, and you who walk on the road, consider! (Judges 5:10)**
- **Some of the voices of the water distributors among the places of drawing water; There they began to recount the righteous acts of Yehowah, the righteous acts of his dwellers in open country in Israel. It was then Yehowah's people made their way down to the gates. (Judges 5:11)**

- **Awake, awake, O Deborah. Awake, awake, utter a song! Rise up, Barak, and lead your captives away, you son of Abinoam! (Judges 5:12)**
- **It was then the survivors came down to the majestic ones, Yehowah's people came down to me against the mighty ones. (Judges 5:13)**
- **Out of Ephraim was their origin in the low plain, with you, O Benjamin, among your peoples. Out of Machir the commanders went down, and out of Zebulun those handling the equipment of a scribe. (Judges 5:14)**
- **And the princes in Issachar were with Deborah, and as Issachar, so was Barak. Into the low plain he was sent on foot. Among the divisions of Reuben great were the searchings of the heart. (Judges 5:15)**
- **Why did you sit down between the two saddlebags, to listen to the pipings for the flocks? For the divisions of Reuben there were great searchings of the heart. (Judges 5:16)**
- **Or, if **Meroz** lay on defeated Sisera's escape route, perhaps its inhabitants failed to detain him.**
- **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)**
- **The fact that the Bible account next relates Jael's courageous act in killing Sisera lends some support to the latter view.**
- **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**)
- The angel pronouncing the curse possibly was one who fought for Israel.
- **Meroz** exact location is unknown, although some tentatively place it at **Khirbet Marus**, about 8 kilometers (5 miles) South of Kedesh in Naphtali.