

LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF

- **Deborah**
- **Jael**
- **Jephthah's Mother**
- **Samson's Mother**



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Deborah – Judges 4 and 5

- Lappidoth's wife (cp 4 vs 4)
- Prophetess (cp 4 vs 4)
- Fifth judge of Israel
- Went with Barak to battle
- Made wise decisions
- Influenced others (cp 4 vs 6-7)
- Leadership role (cp 4 vs 5)
- Divine presence
- Godly witness (cp 4 vs 9-10)

Deborah – Judges 4 and 5

- Hebrew meaning of Deborah – Bee

“Science confirms the ancient belief that, of all the animal kingdom, the bee ranks among the highest in intelligence” says Mary Hallet. “So Deborah stands out as among the wisest of all the Old Testament women.”

- She was a maternal figure

Judges 5:7 (AMPC)

⁷The villages were unoccupied *and* rulers ceased in Israel until [a]you arose—you, Deborah, arose—a mother in Israel.

- She was a poetess

Chapter 5

Jael – Judges 4:17-22; 24-27

- Hebrew meaning of Jael – Mountain goat
- Wife (cp 4 vs 17, 21)
- Hospitable (cp 4 vs 18-19)
- Killed Sisera (cp 4 vs 21)

Jephthah's Mother - Judges 11; Hebrews 11:32-34

- Prostitute (Jg 11:1)
- Gave birth to Gilead's illegitimate son Jephthah who became the ninth judge of Israel
- Mother(Jg 11:1) / Grandmother (Jg 11:34-35)
- Blended Family (Jg 11:2)
- Dysfunctional Home (Jg 11:2)
- Rebellious Children (Jg 11:2)
- Crisis
- Abuse victim (Her son was treated poorly)
- Abandonment and rejection (Jg 11:2)
- Impoverished
- Grief/Loss (Jg 11:39)

Samson's Mother - Judges 13; 14:1-9; 16:17-22

- Manoah's wife
- Godly parent
- Mother - Son: Samson who became physically strong; disobedient to God's instructions; judge of Israel
- Dysfunctional Home
- Rebellious child
- Crisis (Cp 13 vs 2)
- Natural Disasters
- Wise decisions
- Influence others
- Divine presence (Cp 13 vs 3-5, 9, 20)
- Godly Witness
- Prayer

Samson's Mother - Judges 13; 14:1-9; 16:17-22

- Cp 13 vs 6, 10 – open communication line with her husband.
- Cp 13 vs 23 – more discerning.
- Cp 13 vs 24 – kept instructions received that is why she could give birth to Samson.
- Cp 14 vs 5 – convinced by her son (compromised).