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okay just confirming from what I can see we should be good to go yeah there was static but what about now and you know you guys are on the delay but hopefully you can hear me now and we can get started yes sounds wonderful thank you barely hear me [Music] hopefully you can hear my voice now and this is a serious warning viewer discretion is advised we are in the book of Judges but God's Word he doesn't hold anything back and there are some sensitive topics as we go through this book especially didn't get to be the latter part of the book but there are some very sensitive topics and so you know if you have children in the room you might want to reconsider their having them present as we study this book of Judges today we're in chapter 4 of the book of Judges but talking with the word of Prayer and then we'll get straight into tonight's study Heavenly Father we pause and acknowledge you as we always do and we just thank you Father as were in these feast of weeks and we are an accounting halfway through the count to this wonderful glorious day of Pentecost we just thank you Father for recruiting us and pray that you will give us deeper understanding and a deeper faith to go with that understanding father so that we can withstand the forces of evil and just serve you a wholeheartedly and then do all we can to serve you and to move your agenda forward we praise You God and we thank you and we ask lesson now in Jesus name Amen

so I mentioned were up to the book of Judges chapter 4 and what I want to do just for a little bit of context is just go back and finish off chapter 3 and you'll recall in chapter 3 just at the end that we saw that Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel and the land had rest for 80 years and then it finished by saying this and after him was Shamgar the son of a nut which slew of the Philistines six hundred men with an ox cold and he also delivered Israel so similar to hood who struck down Alvin he was able to use a tool that was not typical so in this case he is using an ox code and so when they're under the suppression they're not allowed to have weapons they're more or less disarmed but they can use these unusual weapons in order to subdue their oppressors or these judges can and free Israel what's also interesting with Shamgar is the son of a phenom which is a pagan god and so why that's the case you know maybe Israel is marrying these pagan women and giving these names but in any case Shankar was a judge and therefore he delivered Israel from the hand of the Philistines and so that's how chapter 4 ends and then we see now as we continue into verse 1 of chapter 4 and the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the Lord so this is the pattern that they are there they have an inclination these these chosen people of God have an inclination to do evil and when they do evil according to the terms and conditions of the contract they're punished and when they're punished they cry out that the punishment is so severe and again is according to the covenant they cry out and so severe and then God delivers them and then when he delivers them they go

back into their apostasy it's this unending cycle in this this inclination to evil is only corrected temporarily when they're in distress and so and what's interesting is well here it says they return to evil in the sight of the Lord and again it's in the sight of the Lord in their own eyes they probably don't consider that they're doing evil but when God is looking at them and he evaluates them they're evil and then it says they return to that evil when it hood was dead and so there's some sort of overlap between sangar and hood probably Shamgar is in a region of Israel and relieving the oppression in that region while the hood is still the overall judge now I wanted to just highlight again and I did last week but I wanted to hide again this phrase that they did evil in the sight of the Lord and let's just go back when we began the study on Isaiah and we looked at Isaiah 1 it was very clear these are evil people that God raised them he nourished them but they turned their back on him and look here in verse 13 of Isaiah 1 he says bring no more vain oblations incense is an abomination unto me the new moons and Sabbath's the calling of assemblies

it is iniquity even the solemn meeting so try to put yourself in the time of these Israelites and you're calling the assembly together it's a holy day everybody's coming with their offerings and God is saying these people are evil in my sight

I cannot away with it is iniquity

assemblies

and the reason we're studying the book of Judges is so that we can be edified as the church so it begs the question is it possible for us as the church to be

keeping God's holy days and because we keep the holy days and people around us do not we therefore conclude we are righteous in God's sight but God is concluding differently because he evaluates us according to his word and when he looks at his word and he looks at our behavior there's a disconnect it's hard to reconcile our behavior with his word and so he says we're doing evil in this sight I think it's worth considering and especially as we're in this count this period of evaluation is count toward Pentecost you know is it possible is it possible with the segment that is asking the question that we have members who are attending services who are attending Bible study and are knee-deep in pornography and doing evil in the sight of the Lord let's just ask the question is it is it possible as human beings is it possible to be keeping the holy days and committing fornication to be keeping the holy days the weekly Sabbath and committing adultery is it possible to be keeping the holy days and assassinating our brothers character gossiping backbiting doing everything we can to be disruptive within our congregations is it possible and so we keep the holy days and our evaluation of ourselves as were righteous but when God compares our behavior to his word he's saying we're doing evil in this site so these people they were happy to keep the holy days and the new moons and the appointed feasts but he says your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hates your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hate they are a trouble unto me I am weary to bear them and when you spread forth your hands I will hide my eyes from you yes when you make many

prayers I will not hear your hands are full of blood and this is literal blood so these people of Israel these Jews and the Israelites they were literally shedding each other's blood and when you look at Ibaka about took one and how he pleads the god live all I see is bloodshed so this is true murder but Christ now ups the ante for the church and he says we are guilty of murder if we're angry with our brother without a cause again in this period of evaluation and self-reflection is God pleased with our holy date evening and is our holy day keeping blinding us or our you know our righteousness is so profound to us that we no longer see our shortcomings as Israel did not see there's your hand imagine that their hands are full of blood and they're still keeping the peace back the judges for so I just wanted to go to Isaiah justice just to again highlight that in Israel's eyes they're the people of God they're the holy nation but in God's eyes they're an evil people holy they keep in not that standing

you're this for in verse 2 and the Lord because of their evilness pattern and according to the Covenant and the Lord sold them into the hand of Jayden king of Canaan Okanagan so they're there now sold into so they were supposed to go into the Holy Land and God would conquer their enemies for them and with them they just had to be faithful and God would take care of even though these enemies are more powerful than Israel God would go before them and he would take care of it but because they were not faithful now instead of them conquering the

Canaanites they decided to live with the Canaanites but God said okay this is

gonna be a problem for you and now he allows the Canaanites to overwhelm them until the Lord sold them into the hand of Dave and king of Canaan that reigned in his own the captain of whose host was Sisera so now we see the the general of the army is Sisera which dwelt in Harris Chef of the Gentiles so clearly these are non Israelite people and their dwelling in the Gentile area and this is his captain

this is his general okay now I wanted to just pause for a moment and talk about these surrounding nations and this holy nation Israel and the contrast that should exist between the two nations the separate nation so we had the Moabites let's just quickly remind ourselves of the origin of the Moabites and the origin of their culture so here in genesis 19 and verse 31 and the firstborn remember a lot had these two daughters and they fairly they escaped Sodom and here we just pick up the story in verse 31 and the firstborn said on to the younger our Father is old and there is not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth come let us make our father drink wine and we will lie with him that we may preserve the seed of our father and they made their father drink wine that night and the firstborn went in this

a new app designed for your convenience and the younger she also bare a son and called his name Ben Ameen the same as the father of the children of ammon unto this day

so the ammonites and the Moabites have both have this in such incestuous beginning with matriarchs that are immoral and so you can imagine these sexual standards and the cultural norms

of these drives let's now talk about caiman what about the what about the start of the children of Canaan and the Canaanite tribes what was their moral compass Genesis 9 and verse 18 and the sons of Noah that went forth of the ark were shem and ham and Japheth and ham is the father of canaan but that's kind of weird that here is where it's understanding that the sons of noah that went forth from the ark are Shem ham and Japheth and then all of a sudden we're hearing that all of a sudden we're hearing that ham is the father of canaan see if I can cut the high-bandwidth to see if we'll get a better performance just give me a moment here while I just okay

so just how Moses writes this it's kind of unbalanced that Noah had three sons Shem ham and Japheth and then Moses wants to ensure that we know that Canaan is the son of ham like don't don't make any mistake that Canaan is associated with him okay let's accept that let's continue these are the three sons of Noah and of them was the whole earth overspread and Noah began to be a husbandman and he planted a vineyard and he drank of the wine and he was drunk and he was uncovered within his tent and that's his right so he's he's within his tent and he's done a bit tipsy drank a bit too much wine but it's in his tent he's in this tent with his wife it's his domain and it's his privacy and ham the father of Canaan so again Moses wants us to be really really clear don't make any mistake who canaan belongs to canon belongs to him so had the father Canaan saw the nakedness of his father he saw the nakedness of his father

and he told his two brothers without so

what is this what is this nakedness of his father what's going on here so he saw the nakedness of his father and he told his two brothers without and Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it upon both their shoulders and went backward so now we're seeing a clear discrepancy or polarization between the reaction to Noah's nakedness Upham how ham reacted to it and you know know was drunken tipsy his nakedness is over open and Adam had a response to it and then Shem and Japheth had a completely different response remember look try to understand the origin of these nations the moral compass of the foundation of the nations and they labored upon both their shoulders and went backward and they covered the nakedness of their fathers and their faces were backward and they saw not their fathers nakedness they were very very careful not to reveal the nakedness of their body Pam not so much had the exact opposite and how does the father obtain it don't don't forget he's the father who came in did I mention that pam is the father of came in because moses wants us to know him as the father of canaan

so they went backwards and they saw not their fathers nakedness and Noah awoke from his wine so he comes out of this supra now and he knew what his younger son had done unto him so something happened it's obviously something sexual because of where they were dealing with his nakedness

so something sexual happened and when Noah came out of it so lot when he was under he had no idea when they came when when his daughters came when they left he was got no clue I didn't receive anything but no one now when he comes

out of it it's clear what has happened how does he respond so how did something to him and how does he respond verse 25 and he said cursed be ham a servant of servants shall be be unto his brethren that's not what the text says so ham did something to him and instead of cursing ham he curses Canaan and Moses wants us to know that ham is the father of him did I mention that ham is the father of Canaan because Moses wants us to know that ham is the father of tame and Noah comes out of this and he says cursed it be cannot a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren and he said blessed be the Lord God of Shem and Canaan shall be his sermon this is quite a Curtis this is the performative word so Noah can speak the performative word what he says is gonna happen it's a power that God has given to the patriarchs so now the word is spoken that Canaan will be a slave he will amount to nothing you'll amount to nothing what does all this mean this is the father of this tribe very very powerful tribe that comes to nothing so to understand what this means or at least consider a potential meaning we need to go to the root of it and the root of it is the nakedness of norm because that whatever sexual impropriety took place it has to do with the nakedness of north so let's use the scripture to interpret the scripture and we'll stay in the Torah but we'll go to Leviticus where the law is understood and Shem and Japheth are very careful but ham was not the nakedness of your father's wife shall you not uncover it is your father's nakedness so the nakedness of the wife is the

father's nakedness so in other words I could say like what Moses could have written that ham went into the tent so Noah and his wife are relaxing there having a bit of wine maybe they don't have a moment of intimacy and instead of having a moment of intimacy the wine is very powerful no falls fast asleep well maybe they both fall fast asleep and Han goes into the tent and they're both uncovered but the wife's nakedness is the father's nicodemus so says the scripture the nakedness of your father's wife shall you not uncover it's your father's nakedness further down in verse 14

you shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's brother you shall not approach to his wife she's your aunt so again received the the equivalence between the nakedness of a man and the nakedness of his wife so if you approach your aunt that's approaching of your father's brother's

if you approach your aunt that's approaching of your father's brother's nakedness so now when we understand that okay what happened here according to the scripture if he used the scripture to interpret the scripture that ham went in and he saw that he saw his mother naked and he went in unto his mother and when Noah came out of it he realized she's with child

the same way when lots daughters came out of their tryst they were with child one went in was with child the next one went in was with child ham went in and now Noah's wife is with child and she's going to give birth to a child but Moses wants us to know that child is not Noah's child ham is the father of that child because he uncovered his father's nakedness now

Genesis 35 we see why do they why would a son do this to his father's wife well in Genesis 35 in verse 22 it shows us it's a paragraph and it came to pass when Israel dwelt in the land that reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine he uncovered his father's nakedness and Israel heard it so that's what they want they want Israel to know when Ham did it he wanted his brothers to know because it's a power grab and then he goes on to say it with the sons of Jacob work now the same thing happens in 2nd Samuel with Absalom and his father David 2nd Samuel 16 21 and the hippo fell said unto Absalom go in unto your father's concubines which he left to keep the house and all Israel shall hear it's a paragraph all Israel shall hear that you are abhorred of father so then they'll realize that these two can't get along one is gonna be the king one is gonna be the leader and one not it's like in the jungle when you see that the alpha male the alpha male lion but as he's getting older he begins to be challenged and eventually there's a new alpha male because he has the courage to challenge that the head of the pride so absolutely so epsilon is advised going on - your father's concubines which he left to keep the house and all Israel would hear that you are a part of your father then shall the hands of all that are with you be strong so they spread Absalom a tent upon the top of the house and Absalom went in unto his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel just as ham one of his brothers - no I did this so that is the beginning of the tribe of Canaan now again I'm gonna ask you when Canaan begins to have his children and he's the

patriarch of these people and he comes from such an immoral beginning does he say to his his children my father was wicked my father was evil and I'm the son that the seed of this evil or did they twist and turn and come up with a new moral compass so that they can be seen as respectful and this is the origin of this tribe of people now Deuteronomy 7 verse 1 this is sort of the prelude to judges when the Lord your God shall bring you into the land where you go to possess it and have cast out many nations before you and who have they cast out the Hittites and the girgashites and the amorite and the Canaanites and the perizzites and the Hittites and the jebusites seven nations greater and mightier than you all of six of these seven nations are Canaanites six of these seven nations come from the origin of Canaan who is cursed because of the sexual immorality of his father and Noah was not joking first these people and so these tribes that God is saying go in and take them out these are incredibly immoral people they have no moral compass and when you don't respect the sexual Union then you don't respect humanity and when you don't respect humanity it's easy to be violent so not only are these tribes sexually immoral they're extremely violent and they have no regard for the human made in the image of God and they rule by the rule of man not by the rule of law and so the parasites are the only ones that are not

paying lights and they were they

preceded the Canaanite so the Canaanites went in and replaced them but clearly these are very very immoral people and the Arctic the architect the architects

when they have examined these people they're able to see that children had venereal disease abortion was rampant there was just immoral people that's I got stung done get rid of these people now here we see again these tribes Canaan we got sight in his firstborn and half that's the Hittites and the Jebusites and the amorite and the girgashites and the Hittites in the ark Heights and the sigh nights and the Arve Deitz and is Emma rights and the hammer fights and afterwards were the families of Canaanites spread abroad so all of these are the Canaanites but then there are certain very prominent tribes that God calls out so 7 of the tribes that they're to remove six of the seven of them are Canaanites and one of the six is Canaan so it kind of encompasses all of them get rid of them all God says and this rule doesn't do that they decide to coexist with them and this becomes a snare today so back to judges four and the children of Israel cried unto the Lord verse three for he had 900 so this is a Sisera the general the captain of the army and he had nine hundred chariots of iron so that you know let's just say he had a nuclear bomb so he was armed to the teeth it would be like you know North Korea and these people are armed to the teeth and you got to be careful how you take them off

she had 900 check so he is state-of-the-art technology this is like unstoppable its formidable and when he starts marching with this army nobody can stop him he had nine hundred chariots of iron and twenty years he mightily oppressed the children of Israel imagine that two decades and he didn't just oppress them he mightily

oppressed them and you know what they deserved it these are Canaanites and God made it clear when you go into the Promised Land get rid of these people they didn't do that they dwelt with them and now these people are turning on them and it's not unlike us today where we have people coming into our Western countries that do not regard our moral compass our moral values at all they don't care about them at all and rather than stopping them at the gate and saying look here are our values you agree or disagree and if you disagree you can't come in we don't care like come on in it's great that you don't that you don't have Christian values we love that we want to learn from you come with your values and teach us and so now we're coexisting with people whose moral compasses scheme who think nothing of sexual immorality have their own concept of what is what is a sexual sin and what isn't and they're abhorred by God and they are violent because once you violate the sexual Union and what it means then complete disregard for Humanity and you become very violent so they were mightily oppressed by these wicked people and you can imagine what you imagine what that means you are completely at the beck and call of these immoral people for 20 years we mightily oppress the children of Israel and devorah

a prophetess so that's the first thing that we must know about this woman she's a prophetess the second thing we should know he sees the white wife of lappa dog now I don't know the details here but as I'm reading judges I am a little bit distressed about the men as I say the lack of man or the lack of masculinity in these men most of them

are cowards and so Lapidus there's nothing said about him he's he's only mentioned because we know we need to know that Tabora in addition to being a prophetess and having all the responsibilities of a prophetess she's also she also has domestic duties she's also a wife but you know a lot of these marriages when again when we don't have the respect for God's Word and we don't have the respect for the Union the woman ends up being the leader and the men are very weak and have no backbone and then we need to recover backbone not not not unbalanced oppressive kind of relationships with with the woman now the Union the complementary union where both sexes shine and and this is what we need to recover and again when we're around the society where every man has a ponytail and every man is manicuring his fingernails and it's toenails and you know pretty socks and fancy shoes and this is all this is their priority it's hard to be masculine like these people can't go to war and win a war women respect masculinity and men true men love femininity and the genders are supposed to work

complementary in a complementary fashion so the Bora

we understand she's a prophetess and most of the prophets aren't men but here's a female prophet and you know anybody who tells you that they're a prophet or a prophetess I've heard women who say their prophetesses garbage garbage

that's a narcissism that's a self delusion and aggrandizement God will let us know if somebody's a prophet and how we will know is they will tell us the future and their words will not fall to the ground if they tell us the future

and it fails they're a false prophet if they tell us the future and it comes to pass then we need to ask ourselves another question are they pointing us towards your hova or away from him because if they tell us the future and it comes to pass that doesn't mean they're a true prophet still be a false prophet if they're pointing us away from the true God so the true prophets don't need to tell you they're a prophet they just need to tell you the future and point you to the law and the testimony and devorah prophetess the wife of Lapidus she judged Israel at that time and here in this case we're going to see judging in the more traditional way we think of a judge where she sits in judgment cases are brought to her and she decides on the cases in every other case when he heard the judges it's their deliverance but because she's a prophetess she is going to enable the deliverance of Israel and in this case then by extension she is also a savior of Israel so these are unlikely heroes I think the lesson wait one of the lessons we can draw from judges is God loves his people and he loves his people so much that he will save them with unlikely heroes people who like I hate that person where that person has no right to be in that role and yet God will use that person the unlikely hero to save his people why it's not because of the person it's because of his love for his people and so here now a case after case where they receive these unlikely heroes save Israel and she 12th under the palm tree of the Borah so there was a tree called the palm tree of Tabora so she walked under the palm tree of Devorah between Rama and beth-el in mount ephraim so now

we're moving to the north and this is ephraim and this is where she dwells so this is now not so much dealing with judah but dealing with now the northern tribes of Ephraim or or Israel and the children of Israel came up to her for judgment so clearly she is like think of them we have provincial government and then we have federal government and so if something's I'm in Ontario if something's happening in BC they can solve their own problems in BC if something's happening in Newfoundland they can solve their own problems in Newfoundland but if there's a conflict between Newfoundland and BC well now I need to go to the federal level so the tribes are going to solve their own problems and they're gonna have leaders within the tribe that are going to resolve their issues but if there's a dispute between tribes intertribal well now they need to take it up and they're gonna bring it to the boil up so she's a very influential very powerful woman in Israel and a lot of men have trouble with this they'll read they'll read this chapter and never read it again because they don't know what to make of it that God is actually going to use use people that are women to lead his people and clearly we see this it's an exception but it happens and we see it here so the children of Israel came up to her for judgment so they would go up on this mountain she's on there's a palm tree there and that's where she would go that's where they'll go and she sent no so while she's there she sent and called Barak the son of a bonala out of Kadesh natale and so he's of the tribe of Naphtali so she sends for him and he comes so Israel coming here for judgment but she sends

for him to come she beckons him and he's enough he's from Naftali and said unto him has not the Lord God of Israel commanded saying go and draw toward Mount abour and take with you ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulun so he's from natal Naphtali he's to take ten thousand men from his tribe and also the neighboring tribe of Zebulun how does he respond so God says to do this and I will draw unto you to the river of Kashan to Sarah the captain of Jaden's army with his chariots and his multitude remember he's got chariots of iron this is state-of-the-art technology and I will deliver him with all of his state-of-the-art technology into your hand so this sounds very much like Pharaoh of Egypt this is how Israel was founded that they were facing overwhelming odds and state-of-the-art technology

most powerful leader and God took him down and delivered them into their hack into Moses and well same thing here and now this glory is going to go to Barack of Natale that he was the one that was selected so in a sense he would be the judge in the traditional sense of the word judge or that rhythm in the sense here of the book of Judges of being diminutive of verbs so God is now going to deliver Israel through the hand of Barak and Barak said unto her if you go with me then I will go but if you will not go with me then I will not go I mean this is hard to process God the prophet s is telling him that God has commanded him to take 10,000 men and go and take care of this oppressor you know you look at a hood who single-handedly said I'm gonna take down this fat Eglon who is just feasting on

the author the backs of my people labor oppressing them well here you have somebody of press in Israel for 20 years and God says to Barak we're gonna deliver him into your hand they hit deliver the captain of his army into your hand and then take down his whole kingdom and Barak is like you know what I'm afraid to go by myself if I go I need to know that I'm really good I'm gonna be like this is he's got chariots of iron maybe you didn't understand that so you need to come with me if you come with me then I'll go but if you're not coming if you're not going on that God said to me this smacks of unfaithfulness or weakness and effeminate lack of masculinity and she said I will surely go with you she's cool I'm not afraid of this guy you know he's got state-of-the-art technology that's fine I'll go let's let's do it you might be you might be afraid that I've just told you that God is gonna take him down so I'll surely go with you absolutely not what standing the journey that you take shall not be for your honor you were selected to be honored and now okay let's do this but you're not going to be honored it's gonna be to your shame the journey that you take shall not be for your honor for the Lord shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman so you want a woman to come with you okay you know I forget what was I think was I'm just forgetting right now but there was one one of the scriptures in the 1st or 2nd Samuel where he was gonna be killed by a woman and he's like I don't want it I don't want it to be said of me that I died from the hand of a woman so you please kill me well now Barack is going to be shamed that he could not

follow God's instruction and so a woman is going to deliver and and again the way we know this is a true prophet test is when she speaks of the future it comes to pass and she points the people to the true God yeah Yahweh so she says the hand of a woman and we assume that that's gonna be the Bora that she or he might assume that because he wants her to go with him but it's not going to be the Bora it's going to be another woman veah and we'll see that IV and the bora arose and went with Barak to Kadesh and Barak called Zebulun and Naphtali to Kadesh so ten thousand men and he went up with ten thousand men at his feet and devorah went up with him because he was too afraid and to unfaithful to go without him now Heber the key night so again it just says in here remember we said that the key nights they had a kinship with Moses now Hebrew the key night which was of the children of Hoba the father in law of Moses had separate himself from the key night so he's of the key nights but he separated himself from

and pitched his tent on to the plane of the name which is by Kadesh and they sure Sisera that barack the son of the bin Alam was gone up to mount tube or so now they're revealing hey Barack is gone - mom - boy

so the key nights seem to be in league with Sisera and Jaden part of the kill in league with the Canaanites even though there's a kinship to Moses and Sisera gathered together all his chariots this is state-of-the-art technology 900 iron chariots even nine hundred chariots of iron and all the people that were with him this is serious least he's gonna take care of this from Hara Chef of the Gentiles unto

the river of Kishan and devorah said unto Barak up she's brave she's bold please solid the Bora said unto Brock up for this is the day in which the Lord has delivered Sisera into your hand is not the Lord gone out before you and this is the way it should have been from the beginning had Israel been faithful from the beginning they could have gone in and just methodically moved these Canaanites out of land because the land was given to them and it's taken from these immoral people but they've been just mollycoddling the Canaanites and dwelling with them and it's turning turned it back but it's turned back on them but now the Lord has gone out before you so Barack went down from mount tube or in 10,000 men after him and the Lord discomforted Sisera and all his chariots and all his host so state-of-the-art technology notwithstanding when God is in the mix God is in the mix so all his chariots and all souls with the edge of the sword before Barack so that Sisera lighted down off his chariot and fled away on his feet this is hilarious he put his trust in chariots of iron and instead of the Charities of iron saving him he's got to get off of this state of the art technology and abandon it and run on his feet how embarrassing and how humorous and humiliated but Barak pursued after the chariots and after the hosts so they were putting up with these people for 20 years of this incredible fierce oppression and finally God says okay I'm gonna deliver them now and this is the day but Brock pursued after the chariots and after the hosts under Hera Chef of the Gentiles and I just remembered I should have said pastor Murray he's

gonna be joining me as we get to the end of the study tonight just so we can have a live Q&A Oh we'll just check in every every once in a while maybe only four or five chapters just to make sure that everybody's following you have any questions comments we can we can take those and then there was a question that came in over a slot platform address as well so that's coming up just as we wrap up yet so think of any questions you make up for everything we've covered in judges so far but Barak pursued after the chariots and after the hosts unto Harris Chef of the Gentiles and all the hosts I think if this is all promised land it should be nothing to be Gentiles and all the host of Sisera fell upon the edge of the sword and there was not a man Cicero's running for his life howbeit Sisera is again the general fled away on his feet to the tent of yael the wife of Heber the key night to remember Heber was the one he's related to Moses through Moses father-in-law but he was the one that revealed to Cicero the whereabouts of Barak so clearly there's a connection there so he's going to feel safe safety

in hebrews accommodation it goes to deburr yeah I is his wife so she he goes into that tent and he and it says here for there was peace between Jabin the king of azure and the house of eber the key night so they they're in league with each other and yeah I went out to meet Sisera and said unto him turn in my lord turn into me fear not so she sees he's in distress come on in I'll take care of you and when he had turned in unto her into the tent she covered him with a mantle he's gonna take care of it and he said give me I pray you a little water to drink for I'm thirsty so he's been

parched and he sees now a friendly face and some accommodation and he needs to drink something can I have some water and she opened a bottle of milk he goes one better and gave him drink and covered him says he's really treating him as a guest of honor again he said unto her stand in the door of the tent and it shall be when any man does come and inquire of you and say is there any man here that you shall say no so in other words the see and you know is there any man in Israel again where where the men so all these men have been slaughtered he's the one that's left but if they come to the tent just say that there's no man here then yeah I heber's wife remember there's a union between Jabin and even Ebers wife took a male of the tent and again always these weapons are not the traditional weapons it's like being very resourceful and creative so she is very much like Rahab the harlot who saw Israel God's gonna give the land to Israel and so she's even though Ebers in union with Jaden the Canaanites she side with Israel so she took a male of the tent so just take a peg of the tent and probably maybe it will be a higher nor some very serious substance and took a hammer in her hand so she's handy she knows how to you know probably have to put up a tent take it down whatever she knows how to handle this and she took a hammer in her hand and again I did say viewer discretion is advised God doesn't hold anything back and when softly unto Him so he's in a nice deep sleep and she has intention and she's been very deliberate now and doesn't

want to wake him up but she goes softly

running for a while he must be really

unto Him and smoke the nail into his temples so there he is lying sleeping like a baby and she comes with this nail and his hammer she drives this tent peg into his temples and fastened it into the ground can you imagine that so she had something going on with her in terms of maybe despising these people and how evil they are and then seeing Israel's cause and so she takes matters into her own hands and thus the words of the prophet test labora come to pass that instead of delivering Sisera into Barrett's hands he's delivered into the hands of a woman and fastened it to the into the ground where he was fast asleep and weary so he died and behold as Barak pursued Sisera ya l came out to meet him and 7:00 to him come and I will show you the man whom you seek and when he came in unto her came in to her tent behold Sisera lay dead and the nail was in his temples so God subdued on that day Jamin the king of Canaan before the children of Israel as you know they're reading this and you see the trouble that they have with all these King you know judges could mean we have first kings and second Kings maybe judges could could be called pre Kings or zero Kings because this is the introduction to Kings and and what Israel should be learning is how horrible these nations are when they're subject to the rule of man and you have men like egg Lana just get so fat from their greed and gluttony and all of them there are no exception they're just they come from these amoral matriarchs and patriarchs and they're ruled by their desires they have no respect for the human being and and they're they're terrible and yet Israel instead of learning lesson thank God

that our king is God they're looking and they're just surrounded by these kings and they end up wanting to be like this silly Israel is strange people so God subdued on that day jayven the king of Canaan before the children of Israel and the hand of the children of Israel prospered and prevailed against David the king of Canaan until they had destroyed Jaden King so that is how the king of Canaan came to an end and we saw from Genesis the origin of these people these are nasty people nasty nasty people

and just as God took humanity out with floodwaters with their filth and started again he said he would never do that again

and so now what he wants is for his people to go into this specific real estate and he wants to remove these people at the flood of the army of Israel and he shows that when they are faithful they cry out when they follow what he says doesn't matter if they have nine hundred chariots of iron it doesn't matter what they have it's easy business for God to take care of so that's Judges chapter 4 and hopefully that was very edifying and again it's a difficult material but what we should gather from this

is that God's people are selected by God they are elected by God it doesn't make God's people super righteous and so we need to be careful that just as ancient Israel there's a problem with the church today and that is every man does what's right in his own eyes instead of doing what's right in God's eyes what's right in God's eyes what's right in God's eyes is in his work let's not fool around with his work let's read his word and then let's do his work so that stretches for now what I want to do is

bring on pastor Murray and I'm a little nervous because the sound system is not working properly and I just I just fear there's going to be feedback so let me just see if you'll be patient with me let me just see what we can do so pastor Murray are you there see Maria I'm not sure if you can hear me

I think we lost customer okay he might be coming back in while we're waiting for customer if you can just if you can just go ahead and think of any questions that you might have so I'll be right back thank you please stand by hello hi there Mary can you hear me I wonder you know what Marie I apologize it's just it's not gonna work the sound isn't set up properly let's do this next week if you don't mind okay let me let me tell the brother in that it's just the sound I wasn't able to get the sound working properly okay so brethren I apologize sound issues a lot very complex operationally out here not making excuses but I knew going in I couldn't get my microphone to work properly and just the the technology is talking to each other they weren't cooperating so I just had to do a back-up plan but that back-up plan is not accommodating me having Murray come in so God willing we'll do this next week what I will ask brethren is just appreciate your prayers we're trying to do this every week every Wednesday and every Sabbath Wednesday at 7:30 Eastern Sabbath at 2:30 Eastern but there's a lot of layers of Technology and I'm kind of on a learning curve as well so please appreciate your prayers about the technology so we can get the Word of God out and certainly thank you for being

with me and I will be on the chat and next week we hope to do a live Q&A so go back over the book of Judges the first four first five chapters God willing we'll do chapter 5 next week and we did we did have a question that came up through our channel that we want to address that next week is well having to do with the feast of weeks so brethren with that I'll say I'll say good night this is the book of Judges it's a difficult book in ways but it's also other inspiring books a book in other ways and that is to say it's difficult in the sense that we see the faithlessness of God's people but it's inspiring in that we see just how much God loves his people and he says to them I want to never forsake you I will never forsake this covenant I will never go back on my word so we can have absolute confidence in the God of Israel and in his word Jesus Christ is Lord he's King he's faithful let's continue as we come to Pentecost to dig into his word to look at ourselves and to see what we need to be corrected and let's do all we can to build and defy the Church of God the Church of God International would like to introduce the availability of a new app and design for your convenience download it now