

# THE EPIC OF EDEN: DEBORAH

## Session 5 Video Notes – Deborah’s Crisis in the Valley

1. The Crisis (Judges 4:1-3)
  - a. The fourth cycle
  - b. Oppression in the Jereel Valley – Harosheth Haggoyim
  - c. Twenty years!
2. The bad guys
  - a. Who are the bad guys?
    - i. Jabin the Canaanite, king of Hazor (4:2)
    - ii. Sisera, commander of Jabin’s army, based in Harosheth Haggoyim (Megiddo) (4:2)
  - b. Where are the bad guys?
    - i. Hazor, astride the Via Maris in the north
    - ii. Megiddo, controls the entrance to the Jezreel Valley
      1. The capture of Megiddo is the capture of a thousand cities (Thutmose III of Egypt, 1400s BC)
  - c. What are their assets
    - i. Nine hundred chariots fitted with iron
    - ii. Eighteen hundred horses
    - iii. How many troops?
3. The good guys
  - a. Who are the good guys?
    - i. Deborah (4:4-5): between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim
    - ii. Barak (4:6): Kedesh in Naphtali
  - b. Where are the good guys?
  - c. What are their assets?
    - i. Ten thousand infantrymen
    - ii. No chariotry, no iron
    - iii. Deborah
    - iv. Yahweh