

THE EPIC OF EDEN: DEBORAH

Session 6 Video Notes – Deborah Musters the Response

1. The summons and the muster (Judges 4:6-7)
 - a. Deborah summons Barak from Kedesh
 - i. The war oracle: the prophet delivers a direct word from his god to the military commander
 - ii. The plan
 1. Deborah calls (musters) ten thousand men
 2. Go to Mount Tabor
 - b. Yahweh summons Sisera to the Kishon River
 - i. The strategy in real space
 1. Sisera's location: Megiddo with nine hundred chariots of iron
 2. Barak and his troops' location: Mount Tabor; ten thousand farmers on foot
 - ii. The military leaders
 1. Sisera: probably a Philistine
 2. Barak: a local; name means "lightning strike"
2. The response (4:8-10)
 - a. Barak's response to Deborah: "If you go with me, I will go; but if you don't go with me, I won't go" (4:8)
 - b. Septuagint includes: "Because I do not know the day that the Lord will prosper his angel to go with me."
 - c. Deborah's response to Barak: "Certainly I will go with you ... But because of the course you are taking, the honor will not be yours, for the Lord will deliver Sisera into the hands of a woman" (4:9)