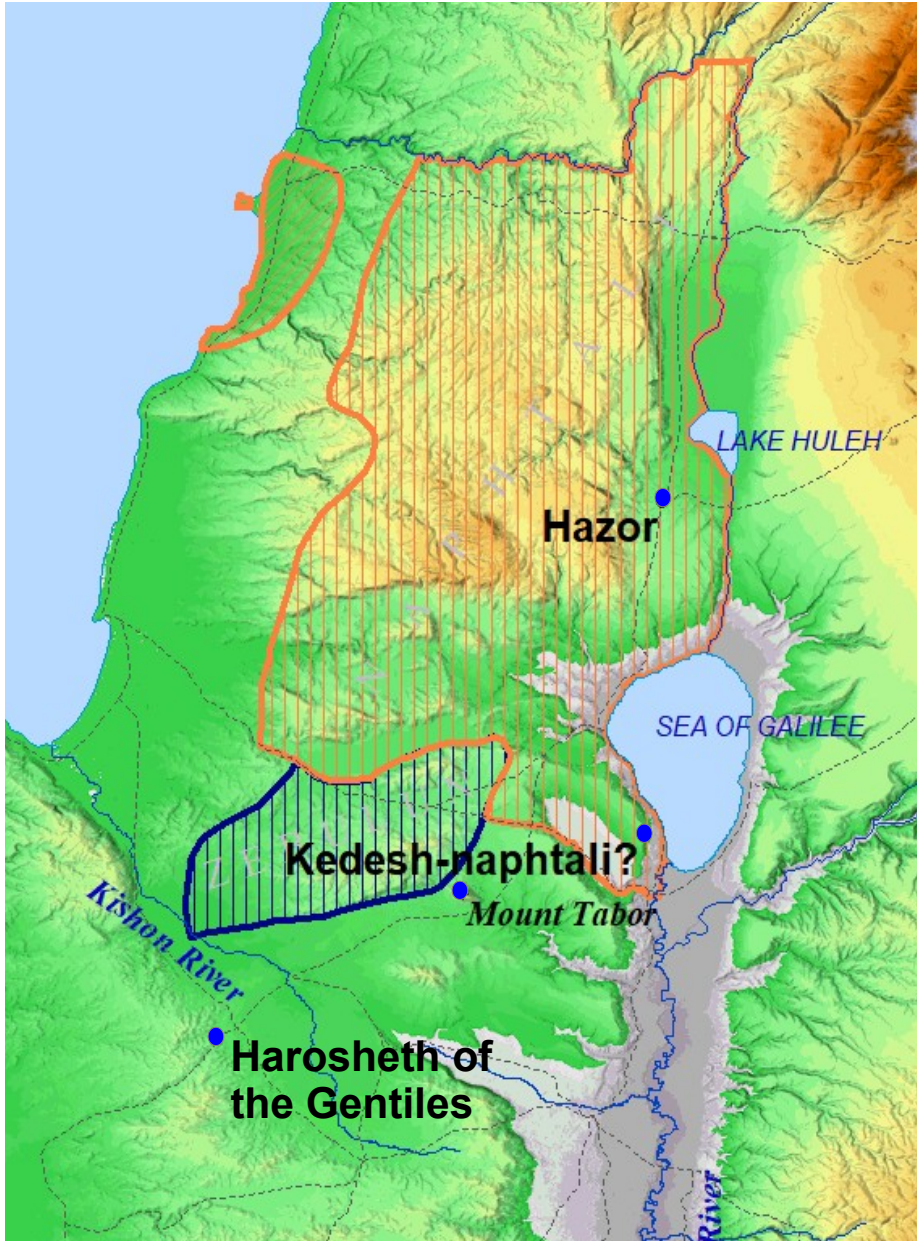


Geography of the Battle



Mount Tabor

Jdg 4:11-5:9



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4:17 the tent of Jael

Gen 24:67 And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

4:23 God subdued ... Jabin

Is. 59:16 And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.

5:1 Then sang Deborah and Barak ...

- Exodus 14-15, Moses and Miriam after crossing the Red Sea
- 1 Samuel 1, Hannah's song of praise for Samuel
- Saul and David returning from the Philistines (including Goliath):
1Sa 18:6 And it came to pass as they came, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that **the women** came out of all cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tabrets, with joy, and with instruments of musick. 7 And the women answered one another as they played, and said, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands.
- Jephthah returning from victory over Ammon:
Jdg 11:34 And Jephthah came to Mizpeh unto his house, and, behold, **his daughter came out** to meet him with timbrels and with dances: and she was his only child; beside her he had neither son nor daughter.
- David reflects on the victory of Deborah and Barak:
Ps. 68:11, The Lord gave the word: great was the company of **those [feminine] that published it.**
- Deborah's song:
Judg. 5:11 from the noise of ~~archers~~ the dividers in the places of drawing water, there shall they rehearse the righteous acts of the LORD, even the righteous acts toward the inhabitants of his villages in Israel:
Judg. 5:12 Awake, awake, **Deborah**: awake, awake, **utter a song**: arise, Barak, and lead thy captivity captive, thou son of Abinoam.

Structure of Judges 5:2-18 (ABC-ABC)

A: Bless the Lord for Patriots	v.2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Willing people • Bless בָּרַךְ H1288 the Lord 	v.9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Willing people • Bless בָּרַךְ H1288 the Lord
B: Celebrate the Victory	3-5 Hear, Kings, the works of the Lord	10-13 Speak, rulers, the works of the Lord
C: Mixed Involvement	6-8 Reticent villages vs. Deborah	14-18 Absent tribes vs. Active ones

Structure of Judges 5:19-31 (DE-DE)

D: Outcome of the Battle	19-22 Canaanite kings defeated by heavenly foes	28-30 False optimism of their women
E: Consequences	On expected allies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23 Cursed be Meroz • 24-27 Blessed be Jael 	On other nations re. the Lord: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 31a Let enemies perish • 31b Let those who love him prosper

Helpful References on 5:2-9

2 for the avenging/**loosing** פָּרַע H6544 of Israel

Num. 6:5 All the days of the vow of his separation there shall no razor come upon his head: until the days be fulfilled, in the which he separateth himself unto the LORD, he shall be holy, and shall let the **locks** פָּרַע H6545 of the hair of his head grow.

7 the inhabitants ... ceased

Jdg 15:6 And the Philistines came up, and burnt [Samson's wife] and her father with fire. 7 And Samson said unto them, Though ye have done this, yet will I be avenged of you, and after that I will **cease**. 8 And he smote them hip and thigh with a great slaughter:

Jdg. 20:27 the children of Israel enquired of the LORD, ... 28 ... saying, Shall I yet again go out to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother, or shall I **cease**? And the LORD said, Go up; for to morrow I will deliver them into thine hand.