

Hymns

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Structure of Psalm 68

Psalm 68, God Acquires Zion

1-4, Opening Hymn

5-10, Exodus and Conquest

11-23, Wars of the Lord

11-13, Opening Oracle

14, Defeat of the kings

15-19, Preparation of the sanctuary

20-21, Defeat of the enemies

22-23, Closing Oracle

24-31, Worship in the Sanctuary

24-25, The Procession

26-28, Israelite Worshippers

29-31, Gentile Worshippers

32-35, Closing Hymn

Bolded sections
contains allusions
to Judges 5

Parallels to Judges 4-5

Psalm 68	Judges 5
<p>7 O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people, when thou didst march through the wilderness; Selah: 8 The earth shook, the heavens also dropped</p> <p>at the presence of God, the One of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.</p>	<p>4 LORD, when thou wentest out of Seir, when thou marchedst out of the field of Edom, the earth trembled, and the heavens dropped, the clouds also dropped water. 5 The mountains melted from before the LORD, the One of Sinai, from before the LORD God of Israel.</p>
<p>12 Kings of armies will flee apace: and she that tarried at home will divide the spoil. (1Sam. 30:26 And when David came to Ziklag, he sent of the spoil unto the elders of Judah ... "Behold a present for you of the spoil of the enemies of the LORD")</p>	<p>30 Have they not sped? have they not divided the prey; to every man a damsel or two; to Sisera a prey of divers colours, a prey of divers colours of needlework, of divers colours of needlework on both sides, meet for the necks of them that take the spoil?</p>

More Parallels to Judges 4-5

Psalm 68	Judges 4-5
13 Though ye have lien among the pots שִׁפְתַיִם	5:16 Why abodest thou among the sheepfolds מִשְׁפְּתָיִם, to hear the bleatings of the flocks?
18 Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive : ... yea, the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell among them (Cf Ex 25:8)	4:12 Barak the son of Abinoam was gone up to mount Tabor. 12 Arise, Barak, and lead thy captivity captive , thou son of Abinoam.
19 Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us <i>with benefits</i> , even the God of our salvation.	13 Then he made him that remaineth have dominion over the nobles among the people: the LORD made me have dominion over the mighty.
21 But God shall wound the head of his enemies, and the hairy scalp of such an one as goeth on still in his trespasses.	26 with the hammer she smote Sisera, she smote off his head , when she had pierced and stricken through his temples.
27 There is little Benjamin with their ruler, the princes of Judah and their council, the princes of Zebulun , and the princes of Naphtali .	Jdg 5:14 Out of Ephraim was there a root of them against Amalek; after thee, Benjamin, among thy people; out of Machir came down governors, and out of Zebulun they that handle the pen of the writer. 15 And the princes of Issachar were with Deborah; even Issachar, and also Barak:

Paul's Citation of Ps 68:18 in Eph 4:8

Psalm 68	Ephesians 4
	7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. 8 Wherefore he saith,
18 Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive : thou hast received gifts for among men;	When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive , and gave gifts unto men.
19 Blessed be the Lord יְהוָה,	9 (Now that he ascended , what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)
who daily loadeth us	11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for unto the work of the ministry, for unto the edifying of the body of Christ:

From Barak to the Lord Jesus

Judg. 4:12 ... arise, Barak, and **lead thy captivity captive**, thou son of Abinoam. ... 16 But Barak pursued after the chariots, and after the host, unto Harosheth of the Gentiles: and all the host of Sisera fell upon the edge of the sword; and there was not a man left. ...

Psa. 68:18 **Thou hast ascended on high**, thou hast **led captivity captive**: thou hast received **gifts for men**; yea, for the rebellious also, that the **LORD** God might dwell among them. 19 Blessed be the **Lord**, who daily loadeth us *with benefits*, even the God of our salvation. Selah.

Psa. 110:1 The **LORD** said unto **my Lord**, **Sit thou at my right hand**, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

John 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, **the Comforter** will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

20:17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet **ascended** to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I **ascend** unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

1 Cor 12:4 there are diversities of gifts but the same **Spirit** ... 11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame **Spirit**, dividing to every man severally as he will.

Eph. 4:8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he **led captivity captive**, and **gave gifts unto men**.

A Progression of Grace

	Judges 4-5	Psalms 68	Ephesians 4
Warrior who Ascends	Barak	Messiah	Lord Jesus
Destination	Mt Tabor	Mt Zion	Right hand of the LORD
Adversary	Canaanites	Kings	Principalities and Powers (1:21; 6:12; cf. Col 2:15)
Disposition of Captives	Slain	Subdued	Endowed
Gifts	(none)	Received (tribute)	Given (spiritual gifts)

led captivity captive → Col. 2:15 And having **spoiled** principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Manifold Fulfillment

Jdg 4:16 But Barak pursued after the chariots, and after the host, unto Harosheth of the Gentiles: and all the host of Sisera fell upon the edge of the sword; and there was not a man left. ... 5:26 She put her hand to the nail, and her right hand to the workmen's hammer; and with the hammer she smote Sisera, she smote off his head, when she had pierced and stricken through his temples.

Gen 3:14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, ... 15 ... I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

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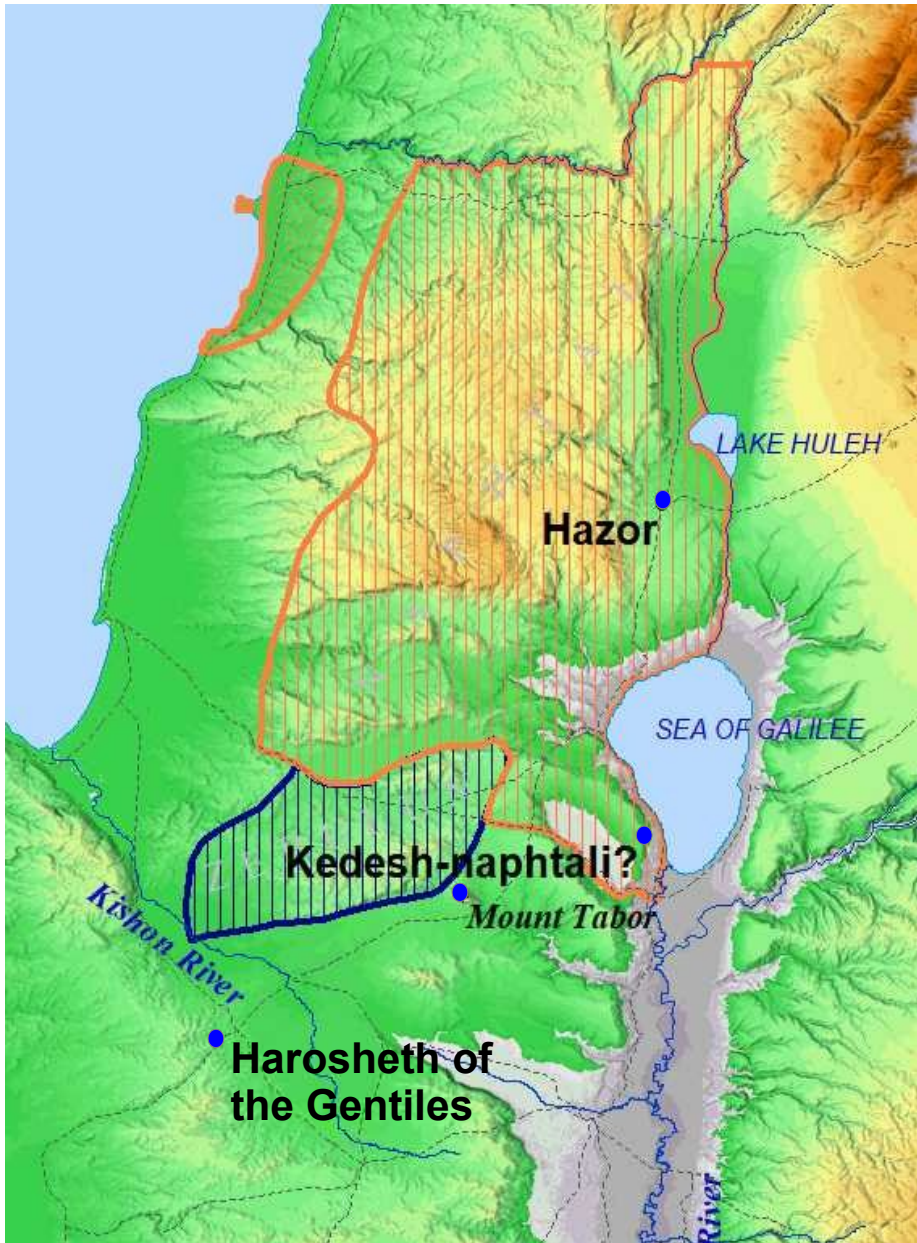
Why Barak?

Heb. 11:32 And what shall I more say?
for the time would fail me to tell of
Gedeon, and of **Barak**, and of Samson,
and of Jephthae; of David also, and
Samuel, and of the prophets: 33 Who
through faith subdued kingdoms,
wrought righteousness, obtained
promises, stopped the mouths of lions,
34 Quenched the violence of fire,
escaped the edge of the sword, **out of
weakness were made strong, waxed
valiant in fight**, turned to flight the
armies of the aliens.

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Geography of the Battle



5:2 the **avenging** [letting go] of Israel פָּרַע H6544 (verb)

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 noun] of the hair of his head grow.

→ That the locks grew long in Israel, that the people willingly offered themselves, praise ye the Lord

5:7 the inhabitants ... **ceased** חָדַל H2308

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.

Characteristics of the Judges

Name	Cycle	Rest	Sequence	ישע	Spirit	נתן ביד	
Othniel	X	X		X	X	X	
Ehud	X	X	X	X		X	
Shamgar			X	X			
Deb/Bar	X	X	X			X	
Gideon	X	X		X	X	X	
Abimelech			X				
Tola			X	X			
Jair			X				
Jephthah	X		X		X	X	
Ibzan			X				
Elon			X				
Abdon			X				
Samson	X		X	X	X		