

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

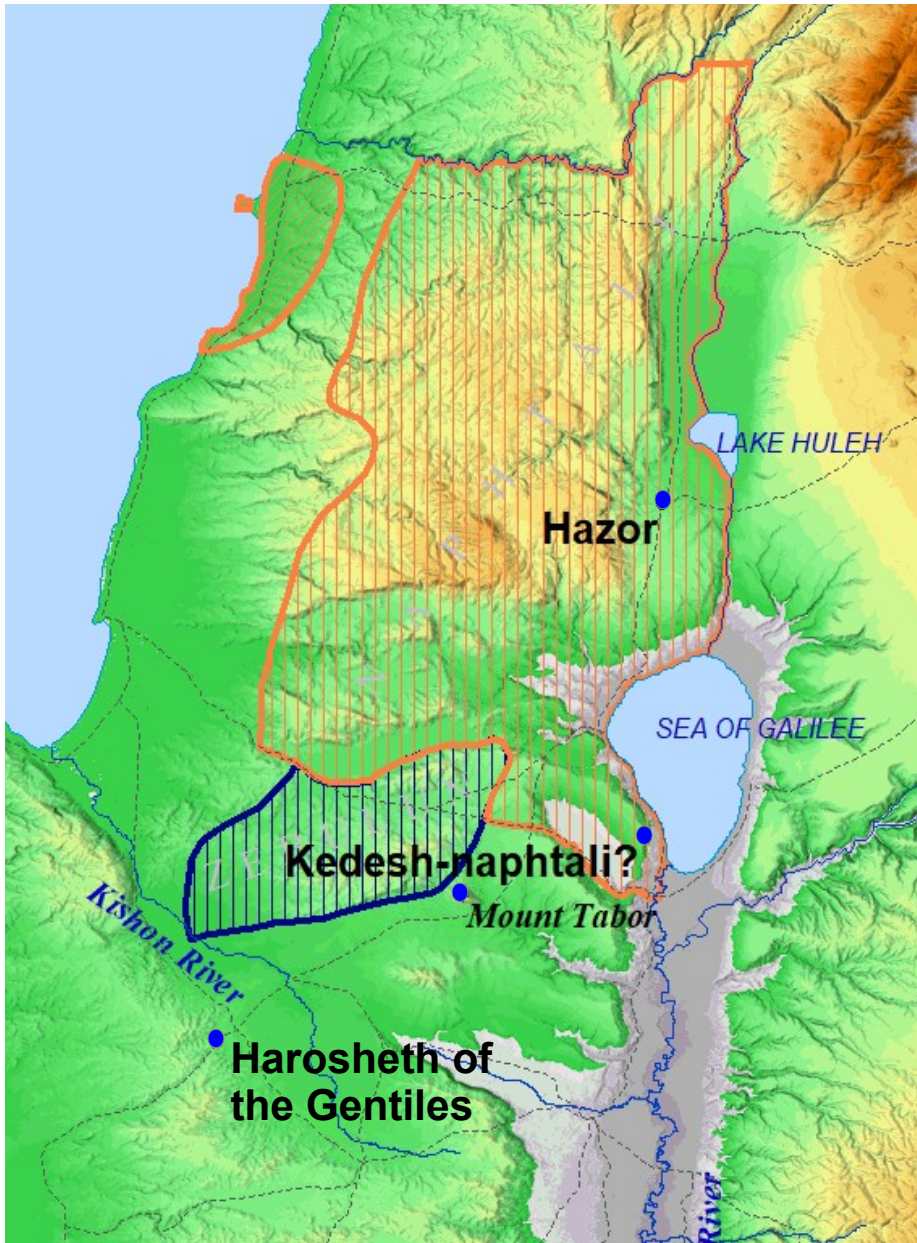
Jdg 5:2-15

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

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.

5:10-13, Summary of Victory

5:10 ye that **ride on white asses**,

Jdg 10:3 And after him arose Jair, a Gileadite, and judged Israel twenty and two years. .. 4 And he had thirty sons **that rode on thirty ass colts**, and they had thirty cities, which are called Havothjair unto this day, which are in the land of Gilead. (cf. Abdon, 12:14)

5:11 the **voice of dividers**, in the places of drawing water ...

John 10:4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for **they know his voice**.



5:11 **there** let them rehearse the **righteous acts of the Lord**

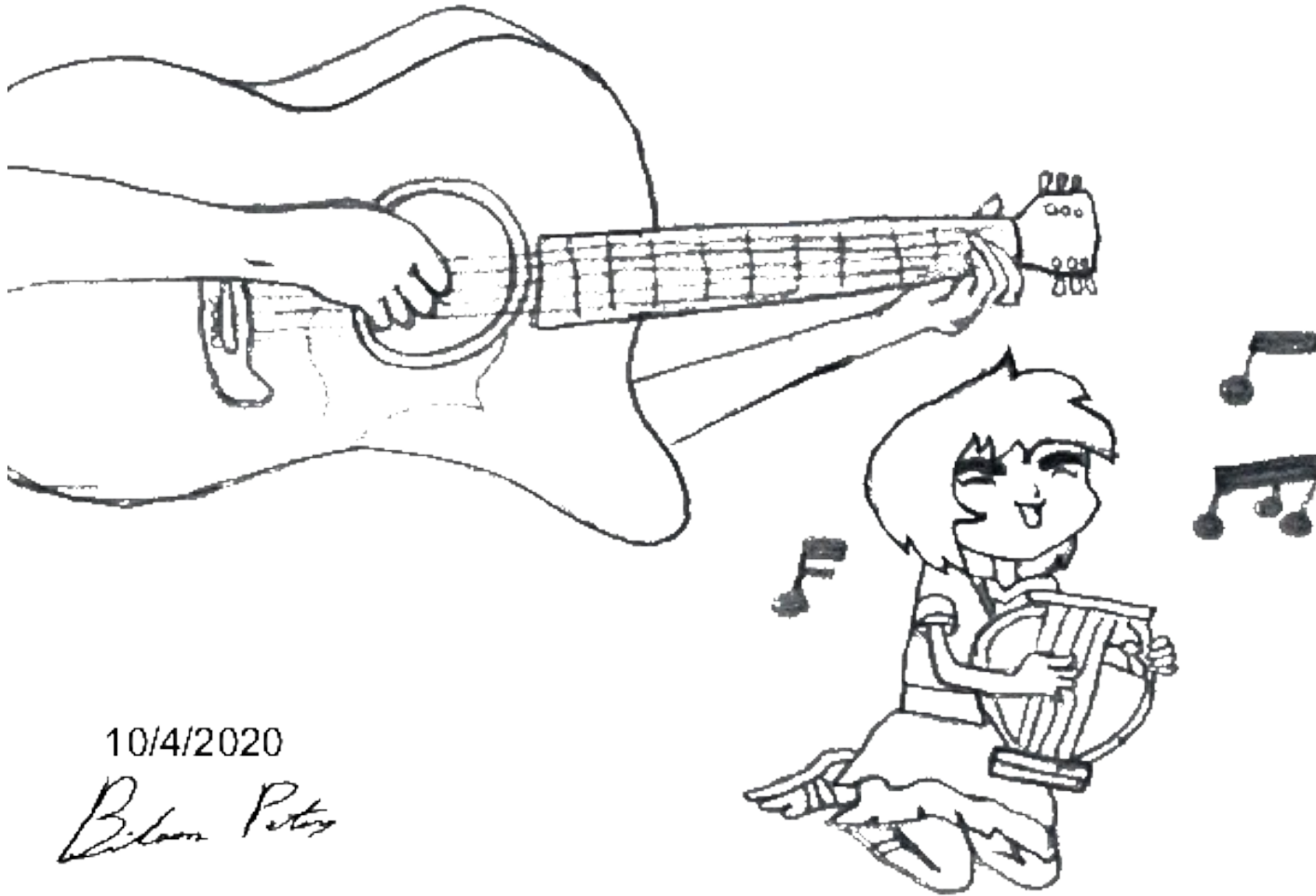
Deut. 6:6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: 7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and **when thou walkest by the way**, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Psa. 145:7 They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of **thy righteousness**:
“8 The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy. (Exod 34:6)
9 The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.”

Gender Roles in Holy War

5:12 Awake, awake, Deborah: awake, awake, utter a song:
Arise, Barak and lead thy captivity captive, thou son of Abinoam.

12a, Deborah
12b, Barak
13a, Barak
13b, Deborah



5:14-18, Roster of the Tribes

14 Some from Ephraim, whose root is in Amalek:

Judg. 12:15 And Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite died, and was buried in Pirathon in the land of **Ephraim, in the mount of the Amalekites.**

Division of (Mount) Gilead:

Josh 13:24 And Moses gave inheritance unto the tribe of **Gad**, ... 25 And their coast was Jazer, and **all the cities of Gilead**, and half the land of the children of Ammon, **unto Aroer that is before Rabbah**; ... 29 And Moses gave inheritance unto the half tribe of **Manasseh**: ... 31 And **half Gilead**, and Ashtaroth, and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan, were pertaining unto the children of Machir the son of Manasseh, even to **the one half of the children of Machir** by their families.

