

Structure of Judges 5:2-18 (ABC-ABC) Jdg 5:19-31 Ps 68

A: Bless the Lord for Patriots	v.2 • Willing people • Bless בָּרַךְ H1288 the Lord	v.9 • 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: • 23 Cursed be Meroz • 24-27 Blessed be Jael	On other nations re. the Lord: • 31a Let enemies perish • 31b Let those who love him prosper

20 They fought from heaven; the stars in their courses fought against Sisera.

Deu 4:19 And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest **the sun, and the moon, and the stars, even all the host [army] of heaven,** shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the LORD thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven.

Job 38:4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? ... 7 When **the morning stars sang together,** and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

Dan. 10:2 In those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks. 3 I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.

Dan. 10:12 Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. 13 But **the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me** one and twenty days: but, lo, **Michael, one of the chief princes,** came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia. ... 20 Then said he, ... and now will I return to fight with **the prince of Persia:** and when I am gone forth, lo, **the prince of Grecia** shall come. 21 But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but **Michael your prince.**

Angels Defending Us

Psa 34:7 The **angel** of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

Heb 1:13 But to which of the **angels** said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? 14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

Matt. 26:53 Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of **angels**?

Acts 5:19 But the **angel** of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said, 20 Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.

Acts 12:5 Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him. 6 And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison. 7 And, behold, the **angel** of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands.

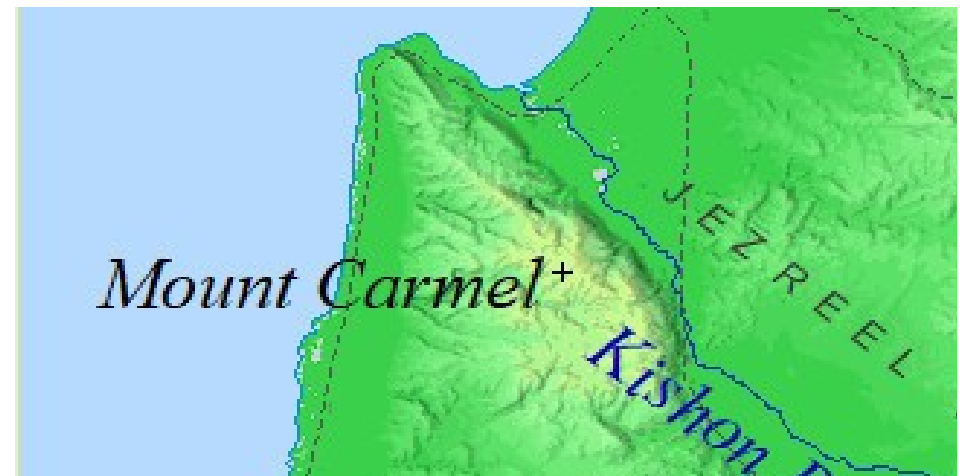
Acts 27:23 For there stood by me this night the **angel** of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, 24 Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.

5:21 The river of Kishon ...

Kishon pass, between Carmel (left) and Galilee (right), looking west (toward Mediterranean). River converges to road from the right, note line of trees.



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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.</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
<p>13 Though ye have lien among the pots שפְּתִים</p>	<p>5:16 Why abodest thou among the sheepfolds מִשְׁפָּתַיִם, to hear the bleatings of the flocks?</p>
<p>18 Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: ... yea, the rebellious also, that the Lord God might dwell among them</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>19 Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation.</p>	<p>13 Then he made him that remaineth have dominion over the nobles among the people: the LORD made me have dominion over the mighty.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>26 with the hammer she smote Sisera, she smote off his head, when she had pierced and stricken through his temples.</p>
<p>27 There is little Benjamin with their ruler, the princes of Judah and their council, the princes of Zebulun, and the princes of Naphtali.</p>	<p>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:</p>