

When Everyone Did As He Saw Fit
A Bible Study on the Book of Judges, Lesson 2

Othniel and Deborah

From the last Bible Class, do you remember the four step cycle found throughout the book of Judges?

3:7

Baal and Asherah were the male and female deities of the Canaanites.
First mention of the Baals is in Numbers 25:1-3.

3:7-11

In this brief history of Othniel, how much of the four step cycle do you see?

4:1-3

Ehud was the former judge, between Othniel and Deborah. The cycle begins again.

4:4-10

Prophetess

Compare

Barak

Deborah

4:12-16

Hills, valleys, chariots and ancient war tactics.

Look also at 5:20-21.

4:17-24

Why would Sisera have gone to this particular tent?

Would you agree that Jael was “serving God rather than men”?

I would love to see the three main Israelite characters cast in a movie. Whom would you pick for...

Barak

Deborah

Jael

AGREE or DISAGREE or EXPLAIN:

“We see Deborah as a woman who possessed a godly woman’s gift to get things done while respecting the principle of male headship [//leadership].” (Lawrenz, The People’s Bible: Judges, Ruth, p.60)

How do you think the men of Israel felt about Deborah and Jael, the two women heroes of the story?