

Judges 4:1-7

- 1) The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died.
- 2) So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim.
- 3) Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly for twenty years.
- 4) At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel.
- 5) She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement.
- 6) She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, 'The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, "Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun.
- 7) I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'" '

Matthew 25:14-30

- 14) 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them;
- 15) to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.
- 16) The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents.
- 17) In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents.

- 18) But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.
- 19) After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.
- 20) Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents."
- 21) His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master."
- 22) And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents."
- 23) His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master."
- 24) Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed;
- 25) so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours."
- 26) But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?
- 27) Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest.
- 28) So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.
- 29) For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.
- 30) As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

