

Deborah Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

Is it reasonable for Deborah to say that a man refused the responsibility she eventually assumed?

Did Deborah indeed try to pass leadership on to Barak?

What did he do and why?

Is it reasonable that God usually chooses men to be leaders?

Do women tend to demonstrate different gifts when dealing with conflict?

Does that make it difficult from them to exact justice?

Does the song of Debra and Barak give insight into the deep evil of Jabin and Sisera?

Do you expect it was difficult for Jael to deceive and execute Sisera?

The song describes catastrophic events, a flood, earthquake and astronomical events, "from the heavens the stars fought." If God used a "natural disaster" to carry out judgement, is it still a miracle?

What other judgements of God could be classified as providential timing of "natural disasters"?

The Flood "fountains of the great deep burst forth, windows of heaven opened" Genesis

Destruction of Sodom: Genesis
"Then the LORD rained down burning sulfur on Sodom ... out of the heavens."

The Exodus – the plagues came on command, crossed the Red Sea on dry ground – movement of the water (gravity?) and ?heating of the ground? Exodus

Joshua crossed Jordon on dry ground – heating of the ground from friction

Fall of Jericho's walls – was it an earthquake?

When the sun stood still at Gibeon and rocks fell from the sky. Joshua

When the sun went back 10 steps for Hezekiah and the death of 185,000 Assyrian troops. 2 Kings

How could things like this be related to each other?

(Planets are electrically charged – interplanetary lightning bolts are possible -- <http://www.thunderbolts.info/tpod/2004/arch/041230predictions-scarring.htm>)

End of the age – signs in the sky and terrible events on earth. Revelation

Interview with Golda Meir 1973. She chose to allow herself to be called "Mother in Israel". <https://hopeofisrael.net/news/golda-meir-mother-israel-historic-interview-part-1-2/>