

The Song of Deborah

"When Leaders Lead"

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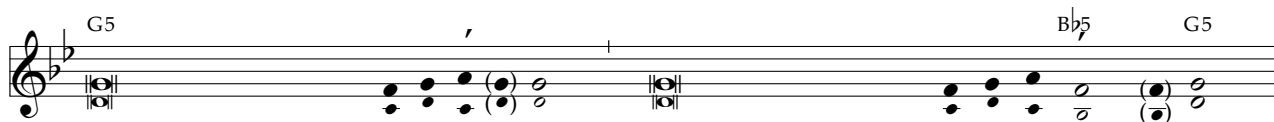
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I will sing praise to the LORD God of Is-ra-el.

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- 2 "When leaders / lead in Israel, *
When the people willingly of- / -fer themselves,
Bless the LORD!
- 3 "Hear, O kings! Give / ear, O princes! *
I, even I, will sing to the LORD;
I will sing praise to the / LORD God of Israel.
- 4 "LORD, when You went out from Seir,
When You marched from the / field of Edom, *
The earth trembled and the heavens poured,
The clouds / also poured water;
- 5 The mountains / gushed before the LORD, *
This Sinai, before the / LORD God of Israel.
- 6 "In the days of Shamgar, son of Anath,
In the / days of Jael, *
The highways were deserted,
And the travelers walked / along the byways.
- 7 Village life ceased, it / ceased in Israel, *
Until I, Deborah, arose,
Arose a / mother in Israel.
- 8 They chose new gods;
Then there was war / in the gates; *
Not a shield or spear was seen
Among forty / thousand in Israel.
- 9 My heart is with the rul- / -ers of Israel *
Who offered themselves willingly with / the people.
Bless the LORD!

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- ¹⁰ “Speak, you who ride / on white donkeys, *
 Who sit in judges’ attire,
 And / who walk along the road.
- ¹¹ Far from the noise / of the archers, *
 Among the / watering places,
 There they shall recount the righteous acts of the LORD,
 The righteous acts for His villag- / -ers in Israel; *
 Then the people of the LORD / shall go down to the gates.
- ¹² “Awake, awake, Deborah!
 Awake, awake, / sing a song! *
 Arise, Barak, and lead your captives away,
 O son / of Abinoam!

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- ¹³ “Then the survivors came down,
 The people a- / -gainst the nobles; *
 The LORD came down for me / against the mighty.
- ¹⁴ From Ephraim were those whose roots / were in Amalek. *
 After you, Benjamin, with your peoples,
 From Machir rulers came down,
 And from Zebulun those who / bear the recruiter’s staff.
- ¹⁵ And the princes of Issachar were with Deborah;
 As Issachar, so was Barak
 Sent into the valley under / his command; *
 Among the divisions of Reuben
 There / were great resolves of heart.
- ¹⁶ Why did you sit among the sheepfolds,
 To hear the pipings / for the flocks? *
 The divisions of Reu- / -ben have great searchings of heart.
- ¹⁷ Gilead stayed beyond the Jordan,
 And why did Dan re- / -main on ships? *
 Asher continued at the seashore,
 And / stayed by his inlets.
- ¹⁸ Zebulun is a people who jeopardized their lives / to the point of death, *
 Naphtali also, on the / heights of the battlefield.

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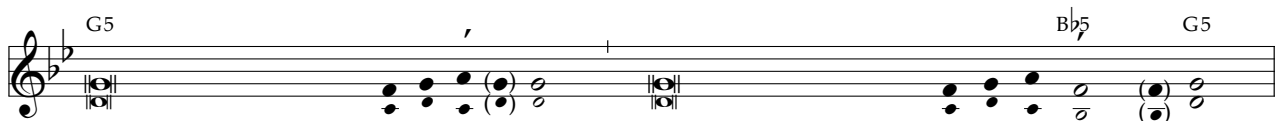
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- 19 "The kings / came and fought, *
 Then the kings of Canaan fought
 In Taanach, by the waters of Megiddo;
 They took / no spoils of silver.
- 20 They fought / from the heavens; *
 The stars from their courses / fought against Sisera.
- 21 The torrent of Kishon swept them away,
 That ancient torrent, the tor- / -rent of Kishon. *
 O / my soul, march on in strength!
- 22 Then the hors- / -es' hooves pounded, *
 The galloping, / galloping of his steeds.
- 23 'Curse Meroz,' said the angel of the LORD,
 'Curse its inhab- / -itants bitterly, *
 Because they did not come to the help of the LORD,
 To the help of the LORD / against the mighty.'

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24 “Most blessed among women is Jael,
The wife of Heb- / -er the Kenite; *
Blessed is / she among women in tents.

25 He asked for water, / she gave milk; *
She brought out / cream in a lordly bowl.

26 She stretched her hand to the tent peg,
Her right hand to the / workmen’s hammer; *
She pounded Sisera, she pierced his head,
She split and / struck through his temple.

27 At her feet he sank, he / fell, he lay still; *
At her feet he sank, he fell;
Where he / sank, there he fell dead.

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28 “The mother of Sisera looked through the window,
And cried out / through the lattice, *
‘Why is his chariot so long in coming?
Why carries the clat- / -ter of his chariots?’

29 Her wisest / ladies answered her, *
Yes, / she answered herself,

30 ‘Are they not finding and dividing the spoil:
To every / man a girl or two; *
For Sisera, plunder of dyed garments,
Plunder of garments embroidered and dyed,
Two pieces of dyed embroidery for the / neck of the looter?’

31 “Thus let all Your enemies per- / -ish, O LORD! *
But let those who love Him be like the sun
When it / comes out in full strength.”

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