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Sometimes the people of Israel worshiped idols. An idol is anything which is worshiped instead of God. God had told people not to have any other gods before Him. When the people worshiped idols, God became angry.

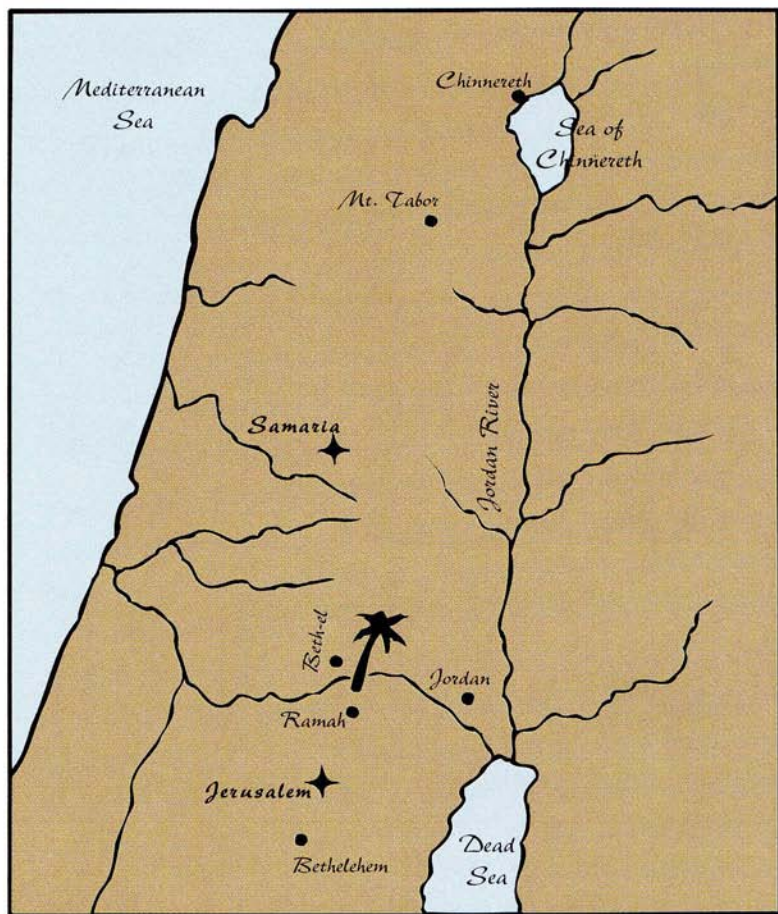
Because they worshiped idols, God allowed Jabin, the king of Canaan, to oppress Israel. The Canaanites made life difficult for the Israelites. The people really wanted God to rescue them.

God made Deborah the judge of Israel because she loved and worshiped only Him. Her name means “a bee.” It was her job to tell the people God’s commands. Sometimes God told her things that were going to happen. She would tell the people the words of God. She was also a prophetess (someone who speaks for God at His direction).

The people honored Deborah. They came from every part of the land to get her to judge in disputes. They trusted Deborah to tell the truth.

A man named Sisera was the captain of Canaan’s large army. He was a very cruel man. He was King Jabin’s top soldier.

Sisera had many iron chariots pulled by horses. He had soldiers who rode in the chariots and shot arrows or threw spears at their enemies. The Israelites were afraid of the men and their chariots. They seemed unbeatable.



Unit 1

The Beatitudes

Matthew 5:3-11

Blessed *are* the poor in spirit: for their's is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed *are* they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed *are* the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed *are* they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed *are* the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed *are* the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed *are* they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for their's is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye, when *men* shall revile you, and persecute *you*, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

The Beatitudes



The Beatitudes form the introduction to Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. The Beatitudes show us the true characteristics God wants us to have in our lives as Christians. When we will let Him, God helps us to have these characteristics.

God blesses us when we are what He wants. Each verse, or Beatitude, begins with the word *blessed*. This shows us the reward for having the characteristics God wants.

We are happy when God blesses us. His blessing is like Him saying, "Well done." The word *blessed* means "happy." It also means receiving the favor of God.