



HOPE *AMIDST* DARKNESS

JUDGES 4:1-16

BACKGROUND OF JUDGES

- Judges is after the period of Joshua
- Spiritual decline after Joshua died
- In those days Israel had no king;
everyone did as they saw fit. JUDGES 21:25

CONTEXT

- Israel sinned and were oppressed for 20 years JUDGES 4:1-2
- No weapons to fight JUDGES 5:8
- Women and precious materials taken away JUDGES 5:30

CONTEMPORARY RELEVANCE



- Spiritual Oppression
- Challenges of Life


HOPE *AMIDST*
DARKNESS

*The darkness may feel long,
but it is never stronger than God.*



RETURN *TO* GOD

JUDGES 4:3



**RELY ON GOD *AND* FOLLOW
HIS APPOINTED
LEADERSHIP**

JUDGES 4:4-10

DEBORAH



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- Prophet, judge, deliverer
- *Lappîdôt* - torches, flashes

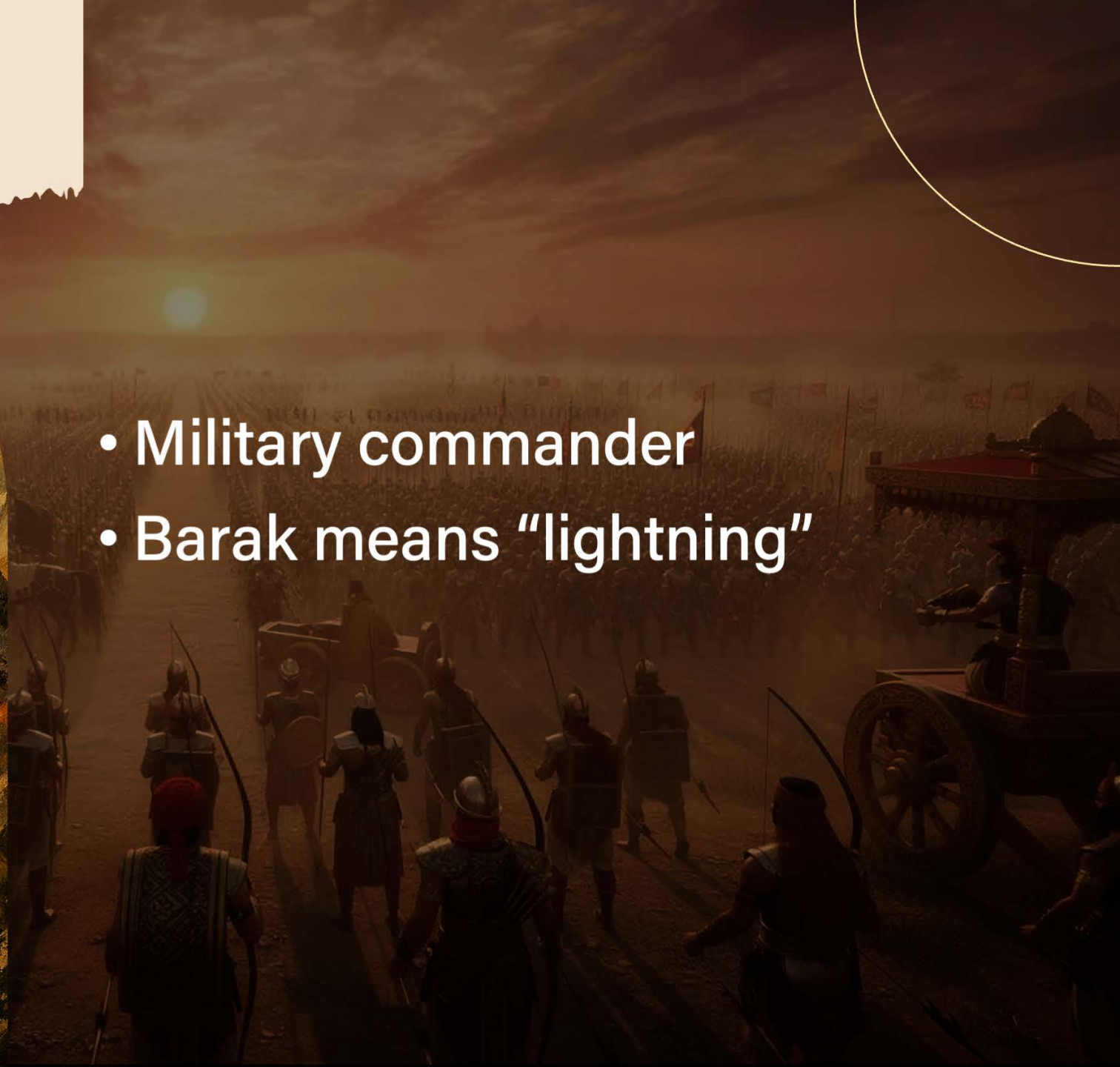


BARAK



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- Military commander
- Barak means “lightning”





REMOVE
DARKNESS
COMPLETELY

JUDGES 4:14-16



- **V15** When Barak obeyed, God routed the enemies

JUDGES 5:20-21

- **V16** Barak defeated the enemies completely



Is God a Moral Monster?

MAKING SENSE OF
THE OLD TESTAMENT GOD

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Then the land had peace **forty years**

JUDGES 5:31B

RISE UP *AS*
GOD'S LIGHT



- Deborah was God's voice amidst the darkness
 - Barak while imperfect, was a hero of faith
- HEBREW 11:32



***Your limitation is
not a limitation to God***





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- Timothy Wong

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