

Fighting The Stars

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Ex. 5-14.

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Ex. 14:10-12; 15:23-26; 17:2.

IV. PILATE FOUGHT STARS.

Matt. 27:18, 19, 23.

V. PEOPLE FIGHT STARS.

Matt. 15:9; 7:21; Mk. 7:9; Gal. 1:8.

VI. MANY WALKED WITH GOD.

Gen. 5:22.



FIGHT THE STARS

INTRO: In the Scriptures, we read of several who were “Fighting the Stars.”

I. SISERA FOUGHT AGAINST THE STARS. JUDGES 4:17-22. (READ)

- A. Sisera was a captain in the army of Jabin, the King of Canaan. King Jabin reigned in Hazor and mightily oppressed the children of Israel for twenty years. Jabin had a great army with nine hundred chariots. Israel was sore afraid of Jabin. Deborah was a woman judge in Israel at the time we are considering. She called for Barak, who was living in Kedesh-Naphtali, to come lead an army of ten thousand soldiers from the children of Naphtali and the children of Zebulun. Even though God had revealed to Deborah that he would give Barak victory, he refused to go into battle unless Deborah accompanied him. Judges 4:9-10.
- B. Sisera and Barak both led armies. Sisera lost the battle and Barak won. Why? No doubt Sisera was a greater general. Barak lacked courage. He refused to go into battle with faith in God’s leading. He refused to go unless Deborah went with him. Sisera was a greater military man and appears to have been a loveable man. He was still bound to his mother. She was fond of him and waited for his return from battle. Judges 5:28. There was no reason for Sisera to lose the battle, yet he fled. Weary and famished, he went into Jael’s tent. After she gave him milk to drink, she covered him with a rug and he fell into a deep sleep. She drove a tent-pin through his head. Why such a miserable end? The explanation is given in Deborah’s victory song. Judges 5:20.
- C. How did the stars fight against Sisera? God’s great system was set in order; all things move as God directs. Things must go in the order that God desires or suffer the consequences. Sisera knew his chariots and army were larger and better prepared than Barak’s. His courage was better. However, he did not know the direction of God.

II. PHARAOH FOUGHT AGAINST THE STARS.

- A. Anyone fighting against God is fighting the stars. The stars move in the direction of God; that direction will win.
- B. Moses met Pharaoh on several occasions during the Ten Plagues. The plagues were: Blood, Frogs, Lice, Flies, Murrain, Boils, Hail, Locusts, Darkness, and Death of First Born. After each plague Pharaoh, got out of step. Finally, after the last plague, he got in step and moved with the stars, but only for a short time.

III. ISRAEL FAILED TO KEEP IN STEP.

- A. They walked a while, then rebelled and complained. Ex. 14:10-12. They murmured. Ex. 15:23:26. They complained about no water. Ex. 17:2. Again and again they complained and rebelled. They never found the direction of God.

- B. Because of a lack of faith in God, they marched forty years in the wilderness. They followed the course of the stars for a short time, but they ultimately refused to walk with God. Note the results, as explained in Isa. 63:9-10.

IV. PILATE FOUGHT AGAINST THE STARS. MATT. 27:18.

- A. Pilate's wife warned him not to have anything to do with Jesus. Matt. 27:19.
- B. Pilate got out of step. He tried to compromise with the people.
- C. The blood of Christ will be on him as well as the Jews even though he washed his hands.

V. PEOPLE ARE FIGHTING THE STARS TODAY.

- A. Religious people are fighting the stars. They have made their own religious laws and customs. They have followed their own doctrines and creeds instead of God's Word. Matt. 15:9; Matt. 7:21; Mark 7:9; Gal. 1:8.
- B. Some Christians are fighting the stars. Some were in step, but have gotten out of step by going after the world. 1 John 2:15-17; 2 Pet. 2:20-22.
- C. Some Christians are trying to compromise doctrinally. Some compromise on instrumental music and other doctrinal issues.

VI. MANY HAVE WALKED WITH GOD.

- A. "Enoch walked with God." Gen. 5:22.
- B. Abraham, Daniel, the three Hebrew children, Peter, and countless others have found the direction of the stars and marched with them.
- C. Paul was out of step when persecuting Christians, but thank God he found the direction of God.

CONCL: We must discover which way God is moving and move with Him.