

## **JESUS HAS THE DEVIL PEGGED!**

***Jdg 4:17 Now Sisera fled away on foot to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite, for there was peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite.***

***Jdg 4:21 But Jael, Heber's wife, took a tent peg and seized a hammer in her hand, and went secretly to him and drove the peg into his temple, and it went through into the ground; for he was sound asleep and exhausted. So he died.***

In Judges chapter 4 we see a really cool story. We have the story of Israel fighting against the Caananite army. The lead general of this foreign army was Sisera. Debra the prophetess prophesied to the fearful leader of Israel Barak that the winning of the battle would be attributed to a woman who would kill Sisera! During the battle God fought for Israel and Sisera the leader of the Caananite army fled and came to a tent that belonged to a woman named Jael. She talked Sisera in hiding out in her tent. She gave him some milk and he took a nap. She secretly took a tent peg and hammered through his skull into the ground! Gross, but cool!

Many of the Old Testament stories paint a vivid picture of redemption. This story is one of them. This is a portrayal of what happened when Jesus defeated the leader of God's opposition Satan in battle. Jael was a type of the Virgin Mary. Let's look at this:

***(LITV) Most blessed among women is Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite. She is blessed among women in the tent.***

After the battle Deborah and Barak sang a song. In this song they sang about Jael saying she was blessed above women. In the gospel of Luke, Mary is called blessed among women. (Luke 1:28,42) What Jael did was to take a tent peg and destroy the evil leader. Jesus in the Old Testament is seen as a tent peg. Lets see that:

***Isa 22:22 "Then I will set the key of the house of David on his shoulder, When he opens no one will shut, When he shuts no one will open.***

***Isa 22:23 "I will drive him like a peg in a firm place, And he will become a throne of glory to his father's house.***

***Zec 10:3 "My anger is kindled against the shepherds, And I will punish the male goats; For the LORD of hosts has visited His flock, the house of Judah, And will make them like His majestic horse in battle.***

***Zec 10:4 "From them will come the cornerstone, From them the tent peg, From them the bow of battle, From them every ruler, all of them together.***

Here are two Old Testament prophecies that speak of Jesus as the tent peg. Jesus was given the key to the house of David and from Judah came the cornerstone and tent peg! Jael took this tent peg and crushed the head of Sisera the evil leader. Sisera is a type of Satan. Lets see that:

***Gen. 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; he shall crush thy head, and thou shalt crush his heel.***

This prophecy was actually given by God Himself. He told Eve that her seed would crush the head of Satan, and he would hurt his heel. Women do not have seed. Seed comes from a man. However, Mary conceived a child being a virgin. This prophecy speaks of the virgin birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. So, Jael represented Mary, the peg represented Jesus Christ, and crushing the head of Sisera represented that by the virgin birth of Jesus and his work on the cross He would crush the head of Satan. Jesus defeated and disarmed the devil when he arose from the dead! No he has no arms or legs- get it- defeated and disarmed? :)

Well if Jesus defeated the devil and crushed his head why does he look so active today in the Earth. Lets look at one more thing about this story in Judges.

***Judges 5:27 (MSG) He slumped at her feet. He fell. He sprawled. He slumped at her feet. He fell. Slumped. Fallen. Dead.***

Here we see what happened to Sisera when she drove the tent peg through his head. It said he slumped, he fell, he sprawled, he slumped, he fell, slumped, fell, died. This is a picture of a man in convulsions! Gross, but cool. Sisera did not immediatly die. He convulsed for a bit and then died. When Jesus crushed Satan's head he did not immediatly cease his activity. He has been in convulsions ever since.

He is like a chicken running around with his head cut off! Crushing Satan's head speaks of crushing his authority he had over the Earth and over us the redeemed. Satan still hopes that we will believe he has authority over our lives even when we make mistakes, but he does not! He has NO authority. You must get that. NONE. All the authority he has is what we give him Christian. His head is has been crushed by the tent peg. Jesus has the devil pegged for you today! He is under you feet! Do not let him up or let him fool you today with sin, sickness, or poverty. You are a child of the risen victorious King. You reign in life today through Christ Jesus!

Confession: Satan, I have authority over you. You are under you feet. I have authority over all your works today. I have authority over sin, bondages, sickness, lack, and poverty. I rebuke you and command you to depart from me and all people and things associated with me. Your head has been crushed by the tent peg! Jesus has got you pegged devil!