

DAILY READING

2026 NEW TESTAMENT READING **ACTS 16:14-40**

SUNDAY SCHOOL READING PLAN

JUDGES 5:16-31

DEBORAH'S SONG

5 ¹⁶ Why did you sit among the sheep pens
listening to the playing of pipes for the flocks?
There was great searching of heart
among the clans of Reuben.
¹⁷ Gilead remained beyond the Jordan.
Dan, why did you linger at the ships?
Asher remained at the seashore
and stayed in his harbors.
¹⁸ The people of Zebulun defied death,
Naphtali also, on the heights of the battlefield.
¹⁹ Kings came and fought.
Then the kings of Canaan fought
at Taanach by the Waters of Megiddo,
but they did not plunder the silver.
²⁰ The stars fought from the heavens;
the stars fought with Sisera from their paths.
²¹ The river Kishon swept them away,
the ancient river, the river Kishon.
March on, my soul, in strength!
²² The horses' hooves then hammered—
the galloping, galloping of his stallions.

23 “Curse Meroz,” says the angel of the Lord,
“Bitterly curse her inhabitants,
for they did not come to help the Lord,
to help the Lord with the warriors.”

24 Jael is most blessed of women,
the wife of Heber the Kenite;
she is most blessed among tent-dwelling women.

25 He asked for water; she gave him milk.
She brought him cream in a majestic bowl.

26 She reached for a tent peg,
her right hand, for a workman’s hammer.

Then she hammered Sisera—
she crushed his head;

she shattered and pierced his temple.

27 He collapsed, he fell, he lay down between her
feet;

he collapsed, he fell between her feet;
where he collapsed, there he fell—dead.

28 Sisera’s mother looked through the window;
she peered through the lattice, crying out:

“Why is his chariot so long in coming?
Why don’t I hear the hoofbeats of his horses?”

29 Her wisest princesses answer her;
she even answers herself:

30 “Are they not finding and dividing the spoil—
a girl or two for each warrior,
the spoil of colored garments for Sisera,
the spoil of an embroidered garment or two for my
neck?”

31 Lord, may all your enemies perish as Sisera did.
But may those who love him
be like the rising of the sun in its strength.