

# THE YEAR OF JAEEL

(Two Tent Pegs and a Call to Aglow)

## The Call

At Aglow's 2005 Worldwide Conference, God spoke to us as a ministry several times about the stake in our hands. In her keynote address, President Jane Hansen spoke of the sovereign call of God upon Aglow related to the 3 mandates He has given us: Male/Female Reconciliation, Islam, and Israel. Referencing Isaiah 54:2, Jane called for a renewed commitment to strengthen our stake concerning the prophetic purposes of God, and to walk in our destiny as we embrace these 3 end-time, apostolic calls.

In a prophetic act, Jane pounded a tent peg into a piece of earth on the platform as the call to God's people was strengthened.

Following this significant moment, conference guest speaker Asher Intrater (Revive Israel Ministries), prophesied over Jane and over Aglow:



Jane Hansen & Asher Intrater during the Jael prophetic statement at 2005 Worldwide Conference.

*Will you receive the spirit of Jael?...the Lord wants to give to you and to this movement, a power in spiritual warfare to destroy princes, principalities, and powers of evil in the end times...you will strike down the principalities of evil: of Jezebel that holds back the women of the world; of Islamic Jihad that destroys the world; of religious lies and deception that will keep the Jewish people from the Lord. You and this movement will raise the hammer, the Word of God, in spiritual warfare and you will pound... to victory to destroy the powers and principalities of evil until they are dead!*

Speaker and Aglow advisor Chuck Pierce (Glory of Zion International Ministries), declared that women will receive strategy for victory this year, just as Jael did. He declared, *there's a tent peg coming down out of heaven...women will take authority over their tent...this is the Year of Jael! Women will shake the earth this year. Sing O barren! Sing in the midst of that which has confined you, for this is a year God has placed an anointing on women to drive the stake and to stake their claim for the future!*

## **Jael's Story**

She was an ordinary woman. Like many women of her time, and even now, she seemed to be in a marriage where she and her husband did not share the same spiritual course and commitment. Her husband, Heber, a Kenite, was descended from Jethro and the Midianite tribe. As such, his people migrated with the Israelites, at Moses' request, to the wilderness of Judah at the time of the conquest of Canaan. This connection created an alliance between God's people and Heber's people.

However, Heber's loyalties were not with the Israelites alone. He was a man of compromise. He also had made peace between his house and Israel's enemy, the house of Jabin, (Judges 4:17). He made peace with opposing forces in order to reap the most benefit personally. Even the place he chose to settle pictures the compromises he made: he lived in Kedesh, between northern Israel and Hazor, the territory controlled by Jabin.

Heber's wife, Jael, did not share his allegiance to King Jabin. Her story demonstrates her faithfulness to the alliance of the Kenites with the Israelites that dated back to the time of Moses. Her story is told in Judges 4:17-24, and again in Deborah's song of victory in Judges 5:24-27.

Her name comes from a root word meaning, "to be valuable; to be useful; to benefit or profit." Indeed, she did benefit the people of God in destroying their enemy!

The Canaanite King Jabin, gathered his army, 900 iron chariots strong, under his general, Sisera, to attack the Israelites. The Israelites, led by Deborah and Barak, routed Sisera's army, causing him to flee on foot.

He fled to the tent of Jael, assured of finding safety among the Kenites, with whom he had a peace treaty. She invited him in and afforded him the hospitality of a bowl of milk and a warm blanket. He quickly fell into a deep sleep. However, Sisera misjudged Jael. Her loyalty was with the God of the Israelites.

Acting less out of vengeance and more out of faithfulness to God's people, she drove a tent peg through his temple, thus destroying the enemy of God. He lay dead at her feet, fulfilling the prophecy of Deborah to Barak that "the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman."

Sisera, the man who sought to destroy Israel with his many iron chariots is destroyed with one iron nail. Jael not only had a strategy to defeat the enemy, she was resourceful in using what was available to her – ordinary items that would be in every household: a hammer, symbol of power, and a tent peg, used to secure and hold fast the cords of a tent.

The enemy of Israel was delivered into the hand of a woman!

## **Two Stakes!! (Two Tent Pegs!!)**

### **The First Stake - Authority**

God has two stakes for you. One is a “Jael” stake: it is the spiritual authority to defeat the enemy’s plan “over your tent” – over your family, your household, your sphere of influence. Use those tools God has given you. “Pound” the lies of the enemy with the hammer of God’s Word in prayer and prophetic declaration.

Have you ever wondered why Jael drove the tent peg through Sisera’s temple and not through his heart? The temple pictures the human mind and reasoning, which is contrary to the ways of God. Jael’s stake nailed to the ground “every high thing (argument, reasoning) that exalted itself against the knowledge of God.” Interestingly, the name, Sisera means “meditation.” *For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their own craftiness";* (I Cor 3:19).

Some of you, like Jael, are living in a marriage where your husband is not walking with the Lord. Perhaps, like Heber, he has compromised with the world and you find yourselves on different spiritual paths. The Lord is saying through the story of Jael, that you have the spiritual authority to bring down the strongholds in the mind that keep your husband, or loved ones, away from the Lord. You are able to defeat the plan of the enemy in your household. You need to know that God will honor your faithfulness to Him.

### **Beyond Jael**

The story of Jael reaches beyond her own household. Her actions affected not only her own family, but the nation of Israel as well. Her faithfulness released Israel from the oppression of Jabin and Sisera that the nation had suffered for 20 years. From this point on, the book of Judges records no further oppression of God’s people by the Canaanites.

They had been defeated...at the hands of a woman!

Who would think that an ordinary woman would destroy a mighty general? Your faithfulness, coupled with the authority God has given you, will yield victory in your household, and your nation, for generations to come.

### **The Second Stake – Enlargement**

The second stake is referred to in Isaiah 54:2:

*Enlarge the place of your tent,  
And let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings;  
Do not spare;  
Lengthen your cords,  
And strengthen your stakes.*

Enlarge, stretch out, lengthen, strengthen....words that speak of expansion, increase, coming into a “broad place.”

Psalm 18:19

*He also brought me out into a broad place;  
He delivered me because He delighted in me.*

Receive this stake for your personal life. God intends to bring you out of the place of narrow confinement through the circumstances of your life, into a broad place where you have room to breathe, room to stretch out. Your sphere of influence *in* your “tent” and *through* your “tent” will expand. In those areas where you have felt constricted – in your relationships, health, finances, spiritual growth – believe God to enlarge you even through the time of stretching. Let your faith rise to a new level in Him! He is well able!

This also speaks to us as a ministry. We have come through the transition and are now standing in the new, broad place. God has said we will see 5 years’ growth in 1 year. That is happening. He has said, “not one feeble will leave your meetings.” That, too, is happening. At the conference in Nashville, healing was released one evening and at the close of our gathering, many stood to acknowledge they had received healing from the Lord.

Our closing session speaker, Barbara Yoder (Shekinah Christian Church), said this:

*Aglow is no longer waiting to be situated in the new place, Aglow has been seated in the new place and is now operating from a place of strength. There is a quickening spirit on Aglow and you are in a phase when you will begin to multiply so fast you will not be able to keep up with the multiplication.*

*For the Lord is in your midst. The testimonies of the miraculous will begin to flood into the office. No longer are you in the old season, but you have been re clothed with a new mind, the mind of Christ. You have been transformed by the renewing of your mind that you may prove what is the good, the perfect, the acceptable will of God. And the will of God is to heal every man and woman. He is here to transform, to redeem to renew!*

As we move into further into this next season, we will see a greater expansion of the ministry as God places His favor upon us anew and afresh.

It is an exciting time to be a woman! God’s woman! It is an exciting time to be part of the ministry of Aglow. Take hold of the stakes God is putting in your hand for you are about to see Him reveal Himself in awesome ways in the days ahead!

This is your destiny!