

Unfulfilled potential -

*Lament for a Father -*

What are some obvious signs that Israel is not fulfilling their potential?

1. They are \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_ (1).

2. They are \_\_\_\_\_ (2-3).

“In the days of Jael, the highways were **abandoned**, and travelers kept to the byways. The villagers **ceased** in Israel; they **ceased** to be until I arose; I, Deborah, arose as a mother in Israel.”

Judges 5:6-7

3. They are experiencing a \_\_\_\_\_ (4-8).

How is the cycle of decline broken?

Heber (11)?

- Sisera calls out his chariots (12-13) -
- Barak, prompted by Deborah, leads out his men (14-16) -
- Jael takes out the commander (17-22) -

“And the hand of the people of Israel pressed harder and harder against Jabin the king of Canaan, until they destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.”

Judges 4:24

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Application - as a multi-layered cake