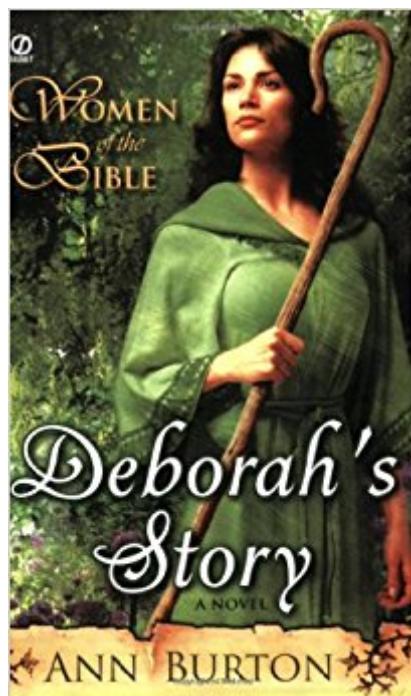


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# Women Of The Bible: Deborah's Story: A Novel



## **Synopsis**

A lifelong slave, Deborah still dreams of a stranger destined to bring her joy. Then she meets Lappidoth, risking her life to save him. Later, as she recovers in his house, Deborah's dreams all come to pass-so she puts her gift to use. For she has dreamt: "The Lord will use a woman to defeat Sisera." And so will Deborah be known-as a heroine, a prophetess for God's chosen people, and one of the greatest judges of all time.

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## **Customer Reviews**

This was the second of Burton's books I've read. A Women of the Bible: Jael's Story: A Novel having been the first. I expressed my reservations about Burton as a biblical fiction author in that review as well. Let me start though by saying that if I was reading this book from purely a fictional standpoint it would easily receive 5 stars. It had me thoroughly engaged - I could hardly put it down! There is no doubt Burton is a gifted writer as she weaves a marvelous tale with a touching love story and heartwarming friendships, bad guys you love to hate, redemption and forgiveness that moves you, and heroism that inspires. Where I begin to struggle is with Burton's apparent lack of respect for the divinely inspired Word of God. Just as I felt with Jael's Story, at best Burton takes liberties - at worst she's intentionally misleading some who may not take the time to read scriptures to know any better. Deborah is a character in Jael's Story and one of the reasons I read this book next was to hear the other side of the scene I'd already read from Jael's perspective. Imagine my

surprise when that section was completely glossed over and hardly touched - especially since that is the portion we have the most detail on in scripture! Other portions of scripture were barely touched and in some cases the way they were addressed felt not to align with how scripture addressed them. My other concern was the way Deborah's prophetic gifting was portrayed. Having been part of the charismatic movement for the better part of a decade and heading a prophetic ministry for five and a half years, the way she describes Deborah's gift looked nothing like how I've seen prophetic giftings flow. And even if you believe in the cessation of the gifts, it doesn't look like old testament prophecy either. It had more of a psychic flavor than prophetic to me... though I acknowledge God was given credit consistently so I was able to suspend my disbelief and enjoy the story she was telling nonetheless. With my concerns so specifically noted you may be wondering why I gave it 4 stars. The concerns noted were only a portion of the biblical/spiritual aspects and the other portions were as pleasing as the fictional story itself. So if I were judging solely from this perspective I'd give it a 3 star and when averaged with the 5 star I'd give it as a work of fiction I determined 4 star was fair. At the end of the day, I'm sure I'll read it again. My hope is that Burton begins to allow her incredible talents for storytelling to fully align with the scriptures she professes to be writing about (or that she simply writes Christian fiction). I would love to read more of her work, but based on the reviews I've read on the other books in this series it seems certain they will be equally if not more frustrating from a biblical perspective as Deborah and Jael were.

People who criticize the author for deviating from scripture annoy me. This is FICTION. If you want to read the Bible, just read the Bible. THAT will be 100% accurate. This is a novel, you know, a work of art where someone uses his or her IMAGINATION to write STORY. It's not meant to replace the Bible, but only to spark the reader's imagination... Chillax, people. It's a great book. I love Biblical fiction. And for the record, I thought it was pretty accurate to the story of Deborah in the book of Judges.

I read this book on a recommendation of a friend. Since I don't usually read Christian books, I was very surprised to find how wonderful this book is. First of all, it is very evident that Ann Burton has done a lot research in order to make her books authentic. She weaves her descriptions of the geography, food, family culture and religious beliefs, seamlessly into the plot of her story and the descriptions are never intrusive. On the contrary they add richness and depth to the narrative voice. Deborah's story is both fascinating and compelling. Her growth as a seer and a prophet (during a time when women were not accepted in this role), as well as her reluctance to be one, makes a

wonderful story. Deborah gains wisdom, courage, and love in this wonderful book. I highly recommend it and I plan to read all the other Ann Burton Women of the Bible series.

Deborah sleeps in the dirt, she is a slave, she is starved and she is beaten almost every day of her life. Her only family is the others slaves she lives with. In spite of all this she is kind and sweet. She truly loves the animalsthat she is made to take care of and she loves her slavefriends. Deborah is a seer although she does not understand her giftshe is not afraid of it. She will meet Lappidoth and he will take her away from that horrible place that is her home. In her visions GOD will tell her that she must find Barak and lead an army against the Jew haters. The Jews are not one to believe that a WOMAN should be telling them anything. Especially about going to WAR. Deborah will become THE MOTHER OF ISRAEL. She is one of the greatest women in the Bible. I really liked her. Suggestion: I would like for you to read THE TRIUMPH OF DEBORAH--- by Halevy..this is the same woman but a completely different life.

I am a helpless romantic and I could not put the book down. It made me laugh, made me cry and I literally read it in 2 days. Loved it!!! Hoping to find the movie. I am amazed of how God is always the same. I enjoy reading books that take me back to the times when there was pure closeness with him, no interruptions, no technology, just humans, nature and God. God is the same yesterday, today and days to come. I could relate so much with this book because I always wait to hear his voice in my dreams. Hope you enjoy it as well.

As with the entire series. I truly loved each book. I loved the stories of the Heroic JEWISH women of the bible. Although they are not true to the bible and some characters are fictional, they do add light to those who know the bible. It makes reading the bible all the more enjoyable because you can view the bible and see what was different and have a mental picture of the characters. Maybe even after reading the bible see the character for their true selves, not what the author wanted to add to his or her story. But couldn't you have at least had a picture of a Jewish woman on the front of the books like the other I have read on women in the bible. The picture almost made me put the book back because I thought it couldn't be about what I was looking for. Please consider that, because I do love your books, but the picture on the front is deceptive.

I was really intrigued with this book. It had a slow start but then it began to get so good! It may not be as accurate as the word of God but I love the character of Deborah and the author seems to be

writing it as if..maybe this did happen behind the scenes. It's a good read! I also love the cover of the book!

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