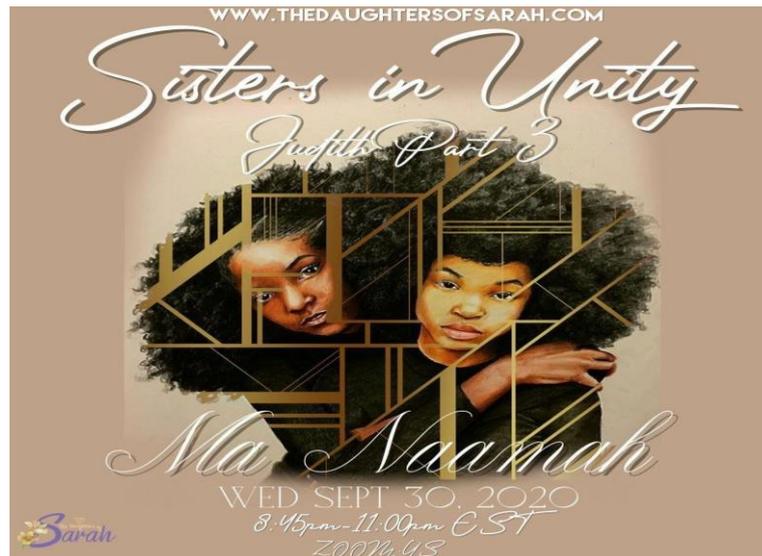


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Icebreaker:

- Who is Holofernes? War general the man who King Nebuchadnezzar chose.
- Wanted Israel to worship Nebuchadnezzar as their god.
- Israel was not having it

Judith 7:19 (Apocrypha) Then the children of Israel cried unto the Lord their God, because their heart failed, for all their enemies had compassed them round about, and there was no way to escape out from among them.

Judith 7:20 (Apocrypha) Thus all the company of Assur remained about them, both their footmen, chariots, and horsemen, four and thirty days, so that all their vessels of water failed all the inhabitants of Bethulia.

- Israelites would not humble themselves, so Holofernes had the water turned off in Israel because we would not bow down to the King as god
- They wanted us to come out so they could destroy us.
- We were dehydrated because we did not have water for 34 days

Judith 7:21 (Apocrypha) And the cisterns were emptied, and they had not water to drink their fill for one day; for they gave them drink by measure.

Judith 7:22 (Apocrypha) Therefore their young children were out of heart, and their women and young men fainted for thirst, and fell down in the streets of the city, and by the passages of the gates, and there was no longer any strength in them.

- Cistern was a bucket that was empty, and we could not get any water.
- The children were crying for water and there was no water to give them.
- We knew if we opened the gate they were going to rape, burn, stab us with the sword and keep the women as contraband. (African captivity)

Judith 7:30 (Apocrypha) Then said Ozias to them, Brethren, be of good courage, let us yet endure five days, in the which space the Lord our God may turn his mercy toward us; for he will not forsake us utterly.

Judith 7:31 (Apocrypha) And if these days pass, and there come no help unto us, I will do according to your word.

- People argued with Ozias he was like Bishop, the head.
- Ozias said we can give ourselves up if God does not answer in 5 days. He put a timer on God.
- They said we should have given ourselves up.

Judith 7:32 (Apocrypha) And he dispersed the people, everyone to their own charge; and they went unto the walls and towers of their city, and sent the women and children into their houses: and they were very low brought in the city.

- Really sad spiritually. Dying of thirst.
- Children losing their mind for not drinking water for days.
- Imagine 34 days of drinking by measure.

Judith 8:1 (Apocrypha) Now at that time Judith heard thereof, which was the daughter of Merari, the son of Ox, the son of Joseph, the son of Ozel, the son of Elcia, the son of Ananias, the son of Gedeon, the son of Raphaim, the son of Acitho, the son of Eliu, the son of Eliab, the son of Nathanael, the son of Samael, the son of Salasadal, the son of Israel.

Judith 8:2 (Apocrypha) And Manasses was her husband, of her tribe and kindred, who died in the barley harvest.

- Judith was a widow. A lot of times women who are widows ask themselves, “where do I stand in this truth, and how do I serve the Most High.”

Judith 8:3 (Apocrypha) For as he stood overseeing them that bound sheaves in the field, the heat came upon his head, and he fell on his bed, and died in the city of Bethulia: and they buried him with his fathers in the field between Dothaim and Balamo.

- Judith's husband was standing over all the men watching them work the field and he had a sunbeam over him causing him to have a stroke and die

Judith 8:4 (Apocrypha) So Judith was a widow in her house three years and four months.

Judith 8:5 (Apocrypha) And she made her a tent upon the top of her house, and put on sackcloth upon her loins and wore her widow's apparel.

- Judith wore clothes to let people know she was a widow. She did not have a spirit of vainglory.
- She was in her widowhood and did not want attention or men being in her face and flirting.

Judith 8:6 (Apocrypha) And she fasted all the days of her widowhood, save the eves of the sabbaths, and the sabbaths, and the eves of the new moons, and the new moons and the feasts and solemn days of the house of Israel.

- Judith stayed connected to the Most High by fasting and praying, however she did not fast on New Moons, Sabbaths, and Solemn days the Most High ordained times keep it as a Feast.

Judith 8:7 (Apocrypha) She was also of a goodly countenance, and very beautiful to behold: and her husband Manasses had left her gold, and silver, and menservants and maidservants, and cattle, and lands; and she remained upon them.

- She was so gorgeous, and her beautiful countenance was her spirit.
- She was not messy, no cursing people out, rendering evil for evil, holding grudges.
- As Israelite women we need to have a beautiful spirit and fashion ourselves like Judith.
- When people ask about you in Israel, we need to have a good reputation.
- You must give alms and dealing with your sisters nicely
- Do not think she did not have any problems in her congregation, but she carried herself in a blameless fashion.
- We have to rule our spirit when trials and tribulations come, and we must move on blamelessly
- She had plenty of money and wealth her husband left behind. She had maids and men servants. She had land and was still humble. She did not think she was better than her sisters
- She had a humble and blameless reputation with everything she had

Key Points:

No matter what you get in life to remain humble and blameless keeping the laws, statutes, and commandments.

Judith 8:8 (Apocrypha) And there was none that gave her an ill word; as she feared God greatly.

- Not one person had anything to say about her. That is the standard. That was her legacy. No one had an ill word to say about her.
- We as Israelite women must fashion ourselves after that.
- We need to be blameless in our congregation, with our lords, and friendships

Judith 8:9 (Apocrypha) Now when she heard the evil words of the people against the governor, that they fainted for lack of water; for Judith had heard all the words that Ozias had spoken unto them, and that he had sworn to deliver the city unto the Assyrians after five days;

- She heard they put a timeline on God, and she did not like that

Judith 8:10 (Apocrypha) Then she sent her waitingwoman, that had the government of all things that she had, to call Ozias and Chabris and Charmis, the ancients of the city.

- All the ancient men of the city, the leaders, she asked all three to come because she heard they put a timer on the Most High

Judith 8:17 (Apocrypha) Therefore let us wait for salvation of him, and call upon him to help us, and he will hear our voice, if it please him.

- Let us wait on the Most High. We cannot put a time limit on God.
- He is king of kings and Lord of lords. He is not our peer. Let us call upon him and wait. It is hard but we must be patience

Judith 8:18 (Apocrypha) For there arose none in our age, neither is there any now in these days neither tribe, nor family, nor people, nor city among us, which worship gods made with hands, as hath been aforetime

- She said no one was sinning willingly in our camps. We are all keeping the commandments not like before when we were not keeping them.
- According to the Most High he will defend us if we are not sinning and keeping the laws.
- It may look like the Most High is not here and showing up for us we must wait and not put a timer on God, that is being disrespectful.

Judith 8:23 (Apocrypha) For our servitude shall not be directed to favour: but the Lord our God shall turn it to dishonour.

- She said you think that if we go out and serve and the five days ends do you think they are going to favor us and treat us like family and friends... they are not. They are going to beat us, kill us, stab us, trample us with their horses, rape us and burn our sanctuaries we cannot go out there. We cannot put a timer on God.
- We will not serve as it is not going to be favorable to us, it is going to be dishonorable. They were mad at us because we would not call their King our god.

Judith 8:24 (Apocrypha) Now therefore, O brethren, let us shew an example to our brethren, because their hearts depend upon us, and the sanctuary, and the house, and the altar, rest upon us.

- Rather than put a timer on God let us be the example and let us show what faith looks like. We need to have more faith.
- We must keep praying during this time of affliction, we need to give thanks to the Most High everyday they did not get in to kill us. Be an example, do not quit and put a timer on God
- If the gates stayed close the sanctuary remained safe

Key Points:

If we open the gates, they are going to destroy us where we pray and worship to our God. She understood the importance of the Lord's house and had respect.

- Some sisters come to the church and are rude in the Most High house. Disrespectful the captains and in the Lords house. You would think we are not in the Lords house. We have to treat the Lords house as Holy.
- Do not bring your personal problems in the Lords house.
- Day of rest and peace in the Lords house.
- Judith is trying to save the Most High's house while they are trying to burn it.
- Her mind was on the Lord preserving his sanctuary and having faith.

Judith 8:25 (Apocrypha) Moreover let us give thanks to the Lord our God, which trieth us, even as he did our fathers.

Key Points:

Instead of putting a time limit on God let us give thanks to the Most High for everything he had done for us. In our affliction she wants to give thanks to the Most High.

Question:

Ask yourself: As Israelite women do you give thanks in tribulation or do you start complaining and being ungrateful for everything God has done for you?

Key Points:

In tribulation while people are trying to kill, burn, murder, and rape how about we give thanks to the Most High. That is having a different kind of spirit. We are returning to the spirit of our foremothers. In tribulation pray to God and say thank you for the things he has done for us.

Judith 8:27 (Apocrypha) For he hath not tried us in the fire, as he did them, for the examination of their hearts, neither hath he taken vengeance on us: but the Lord doth scourge them that come near unto him, to admonish them.

- When the Most High puts you through a trial it is a trial coming to examine our hearts. Our heart is our mind. The Most High puts us through things to see if we really have faith, patience, and will cleave to him in time of affliction.
- These men liked God not showing up. We were going to go out and be slaves. Judith was like keep having faith and wait upon the Lord

Judith 9:1 (Apocrypha) Judith fell upon her face, and put ashes upon her head, and uncovered the sackcloth wherewith she was clothed; and about the time that the incense of that evening was offered in Jerusalem in the house of the Lord Judith cried with a loud voice, and said,

- Judith was alone after she left the men, she went and put on sackcloth a sign of humbleness to the Most High to show she is nothing and needs him for everything.

Key Points:

She going to pray out to the Lord and ask for something because she needed help for our nation

Judith 9:2 (Apocrypha) O Lord God of my father Simeon, to whom thou gavest a sword to take vengeance of the strangers, who loosened the girdle of a maid to defile her, and discovered the thigh to her shame, and polluted her virginity to her reproach; for thou saidst, It shall not be so; and yet they did so:

- *In her prayer she reminded the Most High a time in history when some men who defiled a sister in Israel name Dinah.*

Question:

Who was Judith talking about?

A sister who was raped. She reminded God about her. Judith was a studied sister so when persecution came, she went to the Lord and reminded him when he had our backs. The sister is a daughter of Jacob and Leah.

Genesis 34:1 (KJV) And Dinah the daughter of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land.

- Dinah went out to hang out with the women in the land

Genesis 34:2 (KJV) And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her, and lay with her, and defiled her.

- Dinah went out that night and was raped by a Hivite.

Question:

Who are the Hivites? Africans

- He took her and raped her.
- That is why we tell you to hold on to your daughter's keep them on your hip if you can.
- She went out from her brothers and was raped by an African man

Genesis 34:3 (KJV) And his soul clave unto Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the damsel, and spake kindly unto the damsel.

- After he raped her, he was trying to be nice and was in love with her
- He thought she was everything
- This woman is fine, beautiful I love her
- He force himself on her and laid with her

Genesis 34:4 (KJV) And Shechem spake unto his father Hamor, saying, Get me this damsel to wife.

- The man who raped her goes to his father to ask him to go to her father Jacob because he want to marry her.
- He was like listen go to her father and we can do whatever we have to do because I want to be with her.
- Remember his father is a king in the land that makes him a prince.

Genesis 34:5 (KJV) And Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter: now his sons were with his cattle in the field: and Jacob held his peace until they were come.

- Jacob found out while his sons were with the cattle, so he held his peace

Genesis 34:6 (KJV) And Hamor the father of Shechem went out unto Jacob to commune with him.

- Shechem's father Hamor went to Jacob and asked can my son have your daughter and make good with her after his son raped her.
- Whatever it takes to have her my son wants to be with her.

Genesis 34:7 (KJV) And the sons of Jacob came out of the field when they heard it: and the men were grieved, and they were very wroth, because he had wrought folly in Israel in lying with Jacob's daughter; which thing ought not to be done.

- After the men in the land and her brothers heard what happened they were so mad. They were hurt, angry and mad that their sister was raped.

Question:

What was the folly they brought in Israel?

Israelite women with the other nations, Is God okay with that? Sisters of Israel should not be with men of the other nations.

Deuteronomy 7:3 (KJV) Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son.

- God made it clear not to mix Israelite girls and women with the men of other nations, only Israelite men.
- Israelite women cannot like or marry Caucasian, Chinese, Japanese, Africans under no circumstances.
- The Most High said **DO NOT** do it!

Genesis 34:8 (KJV) And Hamor communed with them, saying, The soul of my son Shechem longeth for your daughter: I pray you give her him to wife.

- My son is thinking about your daughter day and night. He is in love please let him have her as a wife

Genesis 34:9 (KJV) And make ye marriages with us, and give your daughters unto us, and take our daughters unto you.

- We will make you a deal...Give us your daughters to wife. If she is super fine, we want the rest of your women. We will give our daughters to your sons as wives.
- Let us just mix all together. One big happy family.
- The African King thinks this was about to happen.

Genesis 34:10 (KJV) And ye shall dwell with us: and the land shall be before you; dwell and trade ye therein, and get you possessions therein.

- The King said you can come on our land, you can get great possessions, we are willing to share everything.
Please let your daughter Dinah marry my son, I will give you land and our daughters

Genesis 34:11 (KJV) And Shechem said unto her father and unto her brethren, Let me find grace in your eyes, and what ye shall say unto me I will give.

Genesis 34:12 (KJV) Ask me never so much dowry and gift, and I will give according as ye shall say unto me: but give me the damsel to wife.

- African King whatever you want you name your price dowry when you pay that woman's father to have that virgin.
- In the Old times before a man took a wife a Father would put a price on the daughter before marrying his daughter.
- The African king said we will give you land, our women, great possession, we will even pay for her. They wanted Dinah really bad.
- Our God said do not mix our daughters with their sons. It does not matter how much is being offered.

Genesis 34:13 (KJV) And the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father deceitfully, and said, because he had defiled Dinah their sister:

- Some of the brothers said you can have our sister deceitfully, meaning they were actually lying when they came up with a plan. They were really mad this man raped their sister.

Genesis 34:14 (KJV) And they said unto them, We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one that is uncircumcised; for that were a reproach unto us:

- Her brothers said we want to give her to you, but we cannot because you are not circumcised. Being circumcised is when you cut off the extra foreskin of the male penis. If you all get circumcised, you can have our sister.
- So the men there went and was ready to get circumcised to be with Israelite women.

Genesis 34:15 (KJV) But in this will we consent unto you: If ye will be as we be, that every male of you be circumcised;

- Every male must be circumcised before we give our sister to you.

Genesis 34:16 (KJV) Then will we give our daughters unto you, and we will take your daughters to us, and we will dwell with you, and we will become one people.

- They said listen you can have all of our women; you took Dinah we have a whole bunch of fine women in Israel and we are going to take your women but you all must get circumcised.

Genesis 34:17 (KJV) But if ye will not hearken unto us, to be circumcised; then will we take our daughter, and we will be gone.

- If you do not get circumcised, you cannot take Dinah and we are leaving.
- Shechem was at home begging his father, dad do whatever you have to do please get this girl.

Genesis 34:18 (KJV) And their words pleased Hamor, and Shechem Hamor's son.

Genesis 34:19 (KJV) And the young man deferred not to do the thing, because he had delight in Jacob's daughter: and he was more honourable than all the house of his father.

- They did not even hold off doing it, everybody went home and got circumcised.
- Shechem was like that is all we have to do. They told everybody in their African land everybody to get circumcised if they want to be with Israelite women.
- Shechem was more honored than his father because he is a prince.
- Everybody honors and loves him that is why he felt he could rape her.

Genesis 34:20 (KJV) And Hamor and Shechem his son came unto the gate of their city, and communed with the men of their city, saying,

Genesis 34:21 (KJV) These men are peaceable with us; therefore let them dwell in the land, and trade therein; for the land, behold, it is large enough for them; let us take their daughters to us for wives, and let us give them our daughters.

- Shechem went home and told people in the land listen those Israelite men are peaceful, if we all get circumcised, we can marry their women and they can have our women.
- We are going to be able to trade and make money.

Genesis 34:22 (KJV) Only herein will the men consent unto us for to dwell with us, to be one people, if every male among us be circumcised, as they are circumcised.

Genesis 34:23 (KJV) Shall not their cattle and their substance and every beast of theirs be ours? only let us consent unto them, and they will dwell with us.

- He told them to listen, all their cattle and everything we can have. (let us just consent means agree with them)
- Let us do the circumcision

Genesis 34:24 (KJV) And unto Hamor and unto Shechem his son hearkened all that went out of the gate of his city; and every male was circumcised, all that went out of the gate of his city.

- All of the African men got circumcised that night. They were like yes; we are about to be with all these fine women in Israel.

Genesis 34:25 (KJV) And it came to pass on the third day, when they were sore, that two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brethren, took each man his sword, and came upon the city boldly, and slew all the males.

- Circumcision has a painful healing process. While the African men was sore on the bed the Israelites brother Simeon and Levi slew the men on their beds with the swords. They went in the land and slew every African man

Sister Mowriyah

Bring it to today, you are going to see your sisters and out of nowhere some Africans come out and have their way with you. Imagine your brothers going off after hearing they sister got raped. She was a princess. Put it in modern day time, digest the story line by line. Put yourself in that situation. The value that was placed on the Daughters of Israel. They wanted to get with us so bad. Even in our filth and the

state we are in now they still desire us but not like they did back in the day. It shows you how good we looked and carried ourselves. When it came to marrying us it was about wealth and the food and cattle they would get, but look at the state of Israel at that time.

Interracial marriage:

- Some of us in the world dated Africans and Edomites. God call that a lewd act.

- When her brothers came, they were not playing any games. They were like you touched who?
- They were very intrigued. The Bible said, be wise as a serpent and harmless as a dove. Imagine the rage on their faces. They said wait make them think we are about to give in and give our Daughter of Zion to Hamites.
- They were very clever telling them that they all had to get circumcised and then move in for the kill.
- Side note we side stepping into what our foremother Judith was talking about, what she was praying about is that same vengeance you took against these Africans heathens take the same against these heathens coming against us now.
- Judith knew her history and praying about what happen in the past is the same way we have to do today.

Question:

How can I apply this to my life to become better?

- How you are going to keep your job, pay rent and bills? If you get furloughed how are you going to make it. We have to believe this when we read these stories.

Question:

Are we going to wait until something happens to activate and act on our foremothers?

- Do not read it to be warm and fuzzy, read it to get into it and get in the habit of discipline.
- We have to realize how special we are.
- Single sisters and widows - God hears us when we pray and cry out when we are in the right spirit.
- The Most High is very particular when we cry out to him
- Judith studied, prayed, fasted, and went to the elders in respect to seek counsel.
- Do not fast just to do it, fast for your nation.

- When you see someone that you expect to be of stature you have respect for them even in their low estate still respect them, do not be disrespectful.

Genesis 34:26 (KJV) And they slew Hamor and Shechem his son with the edge of the sword, and took Dinah out of Shechem's house, and went out.

- They stabbed the father and the son to death and took their sister back and was like you all will not have my sister. We will not defile our sister.

Genesis 34:27 (KJV) The sons of Jacob came upon the slain, and spoiled the city, because they had defiled their sister.

- A lot of the men of Israel went with the brothers and started killing those Africans. They took vengeance. It was no joke to rape their sister.
- Levi and Simeon went crazy; they lost it. They killed all the men. The men could not fight back because they were healing.
- Our sister is getting out of here and you all are going to pay for what you did to her.
- Judith going to God to remind Him of the men that raped Dinah you gave vengeance, and the same people are coming against us please give me the same vengeance.

Judith 9:2 (Apocrypha) O Lord God of my father Simeon, to whom thou gavest a sword to take vengeance of the strangers, who loosened the girdle of a maid to defile her, and discovered the thigh to her shame, and polluted her virginity to her reproach; for thou saidst, It shall not be so; and yet they did so:

- Judith reminded the Most High when Levi and Simeon went to take vengeance against the Africans who raped their sister.
- God ordained that the women should be virgins and marry Israel.

Judith 9:3 (Apocrypha) Wherefore thou gavest their rulers to be slain, so that they dyed their bed in blood, being deceived, and smotest the servants with their lords, and the lords upon their thrones;

- The King, his prince, and all they men were killed, and God allowed it to happen.
- Judith reminded God that he allowed Levi and Simeon to take vengeance

Question:

How do we know God allowed it to happen?

Deuteronomy 32:39 (KJV) See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.

- Judith prayed God allowed them to get vengeance, murdered, slain in their beds with their rulers.

Judith 9:4 (Apocrypha) And hast given their wives for a prey, and their daughters to be captives, and all their spoils to be divided among thy dear children; which were moved with thy zeal, and abhorred the pollution of their blood, and called upon thee for aid: O God, O my God, hear me also a widow.

- You gave them wives to be spoiled, their children for prey, and also all the spoils you were with us God. You took vengeance on them through us.

Judith 9:5 (Apocrypha) For thou hast wrought not only those things, but also the things which fell out before, and which ensued after; thou hast thought upon the things which are now, and which are to come.

- Now Judith was like God you knew what was coming to us now this situation is done to us.

Judith 9:9 (Apocrypha) Behold their pride, and send thy wrath upon their heads: give into mine hand, which am a widow, the power that I have conceived.

- Judith asked God for power and for Him to look at their pride how they were coming against His children. We are trying to serve you and they want us to serve their god.
- She is asking The Most High, “give them to me, put them in my hands and let me take vengeance.”

Key Points:

I am a widow; my husband is not here. She figured out her purpose. I will do it. I can do it. She was not thinking about herself or being selfish. I am a widow; I can do it let me do it. I am coming to you for you to be with me on this move. She is praying for the Most High to have her back so she can destroy our enemies because they want us to serve their god and not ours. That is not happening.

Judith 9:10 (Apocrypha) Smite by the deceit of my lips the servant with the prince, and the prince with the servant: break down their stateliness by the hand of a woman.

- She said let me smite whoever the leader is and the son. Let them be deceived by my lips of what I say. Make them believe me so I can destroy them for coming against your people and destroy your sanctuary.

Key Points:

This is a serious prayer. She asked for help for Levi and Simeon and then for herself. She having a real conversation with Most High in prayer

Judith 9:11 (Apocrypha) For thy power standeth not in multitude nor thy might in strong men: for thou art a God of the afflicted, an helper of the oppressed, an upholder of the weak, a protector of the forlorn, a saviour of them that are without hope.

- Judith said I do not care how many men are with them, horsemen, footmen or weapons they cannot win if you are with me. If you are with Israel, they cannot touch us.

Key Points:

Her courage is ridiculous she is not afraid. She is not impressed by their numbers and how strong they are. She said to the Most High as long as we have you, we can win. The battle is the Lord. It is your battle so please escort me to the battle. She said we are oppressed and weak and you are our only hope. Please Lord have my back and let them be betrayed by my words. I want to lie to them and put it on their spirit to believe everything I say.

Judith 9:12 (Apocrypha) I pray thee, I pray thee, O God of my father, and God of the inheritance of Israel, Lord of the heavens and earth, Creator of the waters, king of every creature, hear thou my prayer:

- You are the beginning and the end, and you make the final decision.

Judith 9:13 (Apocrypha) And make my speech and deceit to be their wound and stripe, who have purposed cruel things against thy covenant, and thy hallowed house, and against the top of Sion, and against the house of the possession of thy children.

- Allow them to believe every word out my mouth. Let them believe the story I will make up and put it on their spirit to believe me with their whole heart.

Key Points:

They are coming against your people Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob who you gave covenant to. That we will be your people and special to you. We were made to serve you. Do you not remember your covenant Most High? If she did not study how would she have known that? So she is reminding God please do not forget the

covenant you made with our forefathers. They are trying to come against your house and Zion.

Judith 9:14 (Apocrypha) And make every nation and tribe to acknowledge that thou art the God of all power and might, and that there is none other that protecteth the people of Israel but thou.

- Judith said whatever is done let it be in the way everybody knows once I take vengeance there is a God that represents Israel, and we are his people. Make yourself known through me let me take them down for you.

Judith 10:1 (Apocrypha) Now after that she had ceased to cry unto the God of Israel, and had made an end of all these words.

- She finished her prayer

Judith 10:2 (Apocrypha) She rose where she had fallen down, and called her maid, and went down into the house in the which she abode in the sabbath days, and in her feast days,

Judith 10:3 (Apocrypha) And pulled off the sackcloth which she had on, and put off the garments of her widowhood, and washed her body all over with water, and anointed herself with precious ointment, and braided the hair of her head, and put on a tire upon it, and put on her garments of gladness, wherewith she was clad during the life of Manasses her husband.

- Now she took a bath, took off all the widow clothes anointed her body with oil. She went out smelling good when she walk out the house. She braided her hair in a tire.
- She just went and changed the whole game. Took off the widow clothes and put on clothes like she wore when her husband was living.

Judith 10:4 (Apocrypha) And she took sandals upon her feet, and put about her her bracelets, and her chains, and her rings, and her earrings, and all her ornaments, and decked herself bravely, to allure the eyes of all men that should see her.

- She had nice sandals, bracelets, earrings, chains and was doing it big.
- When she stepped out everybody going to look at her.
- When we wanted a man we knew how to dress for a man.
- We all have Judith within us when we want a fine righteous brother.

Judith 10:5 (Apocrypha) Then she gave her maid a bottle of wine, and a cruse of oil, and filled a bag with parched corn, and lumps of figs, and with fine bread; so she folded all these things together, and laid them upon her.

- She brought her own food.

Judith 10:6 (Apocrypha) Thus they went forth to the gate of the city of Bethulia, and found standing there Ozias and the ancients of the city, Chabris and Charmis. **Judith 10:7** And when they saw her, that her countenance was altered, and her apparel was changed, they wondered at her beauty very greatly, and said unto her.

- When they saw her, they were like, “what just happened?” That is not the same woman who was wearing widow clothes. They were like dannnnngggg in their head.
- This is how widows look under their clothes, they were not ready.

Judith 10:8 (Apocrypha) The God, the God of our fathers give thee favour, and accomplish thine enterprises to the glory of the children of Israel, and to the exaltation of Jerusalem. Then they worshipped God.

- We pray whatever you plan to do may the Most High give you favour.
- They all went back and started praying to the Most High, please help her and accomplish whatever you sending her out to do.

Judith 10:9 (Apocrypha) And she said unto them, Command the gates of the city to be opened unto me, that I may go forth to accomplish the things whereof ye have spoken with me. So they commanded the young men to open unto her, as she had spoken.

- She commanded the men to open the gates so she could go out and accomplish this problem that has come to Israel. Remember they did not open the gates for days and there was no water, and the men were scared.
- She could die, be raped, or burned. She was not thinking about herself but her people and the Lords sanctuary.
- This is what selflessness looks like.

Example:

Some sisters we ask to bring a tray of sandwiches and you do not even get it there you always have some excuse.

This is what it looks like to give your life for your people.

This is why God had her story documented.

Key Points:

She was selfless, had courage, and was not afraid. She fasted, prayed and was blameless. She did not belittle the men, she told them the decision that was made about God in five days was not right. Do not put a timer on our God! He will show up if he want to, let us give thanks in affliction. Now she is going out to handle it herself. She did not ask the men to escort her. She said I got this, let me go. She was walking in faith. Anything can happen to her outside them gates but she willing to sacrifice her life for her nation

Judith 10:10 (Apocrypha) And when they had done so, Judith went out, she, and her maid with her; and the men of the city looked after her, until she was gone down the mountain, and till she had passed the valley, and could see her no more.

- They watched her until they could not see her anymore.

Judith 10:11 (Apocrypha) Thus they went straight forth in the valley: and the first watch of the Assyrians met her,

- As she walks up to them the Assyrians sees her.

Judith 10:12 (Apocrypha) And took her, and asked her, Of what people art thou? and whence comest thou? and whither goest thou? And she said, I am a woman of the Hebrews, and am fled from them: for they shall be given you to be consumed:

- They were questioning who she was? what people did she come from? where she came from and where was she going?
- I am one of the Hebrew Israelite women and I had to run for my life, and you all are about to consume them and take them down, but I want to be with you all and not them.

Judith 10:13 (Apocrypha) And I am coming before Holofernes the chief captain of your army, to declare words of truth; and I will shew him a way, whereby he shall go, and win all the hill country, without losing the body or life of any one of his men.

- I need to speak to Holofernes; the head captain of your army and I can show him the way to come against the Israelites and he will not lose one man in battle.
- Judith said I can tell you how to take the Israelites down.

Judith 10:14 (Apocrypha) Now when the men heard her words, and beheld her countenance, they wondered greatly at her beauty, and said unto her,

- They were stuck on how gorgeous she looked, they wondered at her beauty. How fine this woman was
- Her countenance is nice, and she had beautiful spirit and she was fine.

Judith 10:15 (Apocrypha) Thou hast saved thy life, in that thou hast hasted to come down to the presence of our lord: now therefore come to his tent, and some of us shall conduct thee, until they have delivered thee to his hands.

- They said you saved your life by coming to us, we are not going to kill you.
- They took her straight to the head man's tent. They walked her straight through not getting killed or murdered. They were stunned by her beauty and how she is carried herself.
- She is going to see the top man, just based on the way she was conducting herself.

Judith 10:16 (Apocrypha) And when thou standest before him, be not afraid in thine heart, but shew unto him according to thy word; and he will entreat thee well.

- They said listen do not be afraid as they were comforting her and telling her to tell him that she had a plan to take him to her people. They said, tell him everything you told us how he can take your people down without losing not one man in battle.

Judith 10:17 (Apocrypha) Then they chose out of them an hundred men to accompany her and her maid; and they brought her to the tent of Holofernes.

- They chose a hundred men to protect her on the walk in because of how fine she was.

Judith 10:18 (Apocrypha) Then was there a concourse throughout all the camp: for her coming was noised among the tents, and they came about her, as she stood without the tent of Holofernes, till they told him of her.

- Did you see the Israelite woman that came up here? She is gorgeous!

Judith 10:19 (Apocrypha) And they wondered at her beauty, and admired the children of Israel because of her, and every one said to his neighbour, Who would despise this people, that have among them such women? surely it is not good that one man of them be left who being let go might deceive the whole earth.

- They wondered if all the Israelite women were this beautiful.
- They thought who can hate people that is as fine as she was.
- They wanted to kill all the men because they wanted these kinds of wives for themselves.

- She cared for herself and knew how to dress for a man
- We have to care for our husbands and dress up for him.

Judith 10:20 (Apocrypha) And they that lay near Holofernes went out, and all his servants and they brought her into the tent.

- They took her right in the tent because her beauty.
- She was protected by a hundred men who walked with her because of her beauty.

Judith 10:21 (Apocrypha) Now Holofernes rested upon his bed under a canopy, which was woven with purple, and gold, and emeralds, and precious stones.

- Holofernes had a canopy under his tents with gold, emeralds, and stones woven into it

Judith 10:22 (Apocrypha) So they shewed him of her; and he came out before his tent with silver lamps going before him.

- They were talking about her so much he came out to greet her, he wanted to see her beauty for himself.

Judith 10:23 (Apocrypha) And when Judith was come before him and his servants they all marvelled at the beauty of her countenance; and she fell down upon her face, and did reverence unto him: and his servants took her up.

- Judith dropped on her face before him
- When a man get a fine woman who drops to his feet and his servants had to come over and pick her up
- Judith was all natural
- We are the salt of the earth...we make the flavor come to life.
- If I die, I will die for my people

~~Mama Shamarah~~

- Imagine all the praying and fasting she did.
- What was she thinking when she said open the gate? Sometimes you have to do things scared and get the power from the Most High.
- Going through trials or if you are feeling weak do it anyway in righteousness with the Most High's help.

Key Points:

Discipline in the scriptures brought her wisdom and courage, the Most High was walking with her and her humbleness was amazing.

- *In the scriptures you will begin to find peace.*

Example: Your daughter or son comes to you and say, “mommy someone tried to slap your baby!” Your response is, “who tried to slap my baby!?!”

- Judith was reminding the Most High of the covenant that he made with His children.
- We need to have respect for Most High sit pray and wait patiently for the Most High
- Being humble is beautiful, but do not let beauty go to your head or be over righteous you must balance it.

Tobit 12:8 (Apocrypha) Prayer is good with fasting and alms and righteousness. A little with righteousness is better than much with unrighteousness. It is better to give alms than to lay up gold:

- We have to have prayer, fast, alms, we must have all these components.
- That is selfless...not always thinking about you, you, you.
- Help your sister when she needs help and do what is according to God. You cannot pray and fast and give alms and be evil to your sisters.
- **If you give a thousand alms and you hate one sister, you will not get the kingdom!**
- Giving a little, with righteousness you do unto God is better than someone that is giving a lot and not keeping the commandments.
- It is better to give alms then to lay up gold, because in the kingdom gold is not will not help you. When you did not have, and you still went to help everybody.

~~Conclusion~~

Tobit 12:9 (Apocrypha) *For alms doth deliver from death, and shall purge away all sin. Those that exercise alms and righteousness shall be filled with life:*

- *The Most High says, for the alms you give I can let your sins go. If he were going to kill your alms would deliver you from death.*

~~Most High and Christ Bless You All~~