Judges 4-5 - Lesson 8 - Deborah

Who?	When?	How?	What?
 Prophetess (4:4) - willing to listen and speak for God Deborah = "bee" - orderly motion, instincts Wife of a strong husband Lappidoth = torch, light bearer Judge - wisdom, godly influence on Israel Praises God for all that He does (chap 5) Mother in Israel (5:7) - compassion for the people Courageous (4:8) God uses women mightily in His work 	 Israel doing evil After Ehud died (4:1) Jabin king of the Canaanites (4:2) 900 iron chariots (4:3) Oppressed Israel for 20 years (4:3) travel not safe (5:6) Peasantry ceased (apathetic) (5:7) new gods were chosen (5:8) No weapons (5:8) Cried out to God 	 Deborah called Barak (4:6) God commands to march to Mt Tabor (4:6) 10,000 men God will draw out Sisera to the Kishon River (4:7) Earth quaking (5:4) Rain (5:4) Elements (stars) of the heavens fought for them (5:20) Torrents of water (5:21) River bed flooded and the chariots got bogged down Sisera and army jump out of chariots and run on foot (4:15-16) Jael kills Sisera (4:17-22) God's rebuke to Barak that a woman would receive the honor (4:9) 	 followed God's commands She saw a need and met it Spoke the Word of God to the people She never lost sight of her role Listened to God She led the people by example and others followed She did not take credit for the battle She stepped out on faith - trusting the Word of God The key is not can God do it the key is has God said to do it Walk sensitively to the leading of God