

Judges 4-5 - Deborah

Who?	When?	How?	What?
<p>Prophetess (4:4) - was willing to listen and speak for God</p> <p>Deborah = "Bee" - root - orderly motion, systematic instincts</p> <p>Faithful wife to a strong husband Lappidoth = torch, light, lamp</p> <p>Judge - wisdom to judge for God and influenced the nation</p> <p>Mother in Israel (5:7) - had compassion for Israel as a mother for her children</p> <p>Had great courage and faith - in sharp contrast to Barak's cowardice (4:8 - I won't go unless you go with me)</p> <p>God uses women in His plans - there are many places they are used mightily</p>	<p>Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord after Ehud died (4:1)</p> <p>Sold into the hands of Jabin the king of Canaan (4:2)</p> <p>900 iron chariots and oppressed Israel for 20 years (4:3)</p> <p>Travel was not safe (5:6)</p> <p>Peasantry ceased (5:7)</p> <p>New gods were chosen (5:8)</p> <p>No weapons in Israel (5:8)</p> <p>The people cried out to the Lord (4:3)</p>	<p>Deborah heard from the Lord and called Barak (4:6)</p> <p>Gather 10,000 men and march on Mt Tabor (4:6)</p> <p>God would draw out Sisera with his chariots and his many men to the River Kishon and deliver him to you (4:7)</p> <p>Earth quaked and it rained (5:4, 20)</p> <p>Torrent of water (5:21)</p> <p>Sisera was routed by Israel and the edge of the sword (4:15-16)</p> <p>Sisera runs to a place of "protection" (17)</p> <p>Jael kills Sisera (4:17-22) - God delivered the commander of the army into the hands of a woman (4:9)</p>	<p>Followed God's commands and leading</p> <p>Spoke only God's Word</p> <p>Saw a need and responded (4:9-10)</p> <p>Never lost sight of her role</p> <p>Enlisted and motivated help</p> <p>No pride in her actions - Barak and Jael getting the praise</p> <p>Willing to step out on God's Word in faith - putting complete trust in Him</p> <p>She gives praise and glory to God - what He accomplished</p>

Judges - Godly Leadership

God Appointed	Willing Vessels	Surrendered Hearts	Spiritually Equipped	Supernaturally Armed