

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
<p>Leadership is God-given</p> <p>God raised up judges (2:16; 3:15)</p> <p>Raised = hiphil - sequential imperfect tense - someone caused a leader to be raised up</p> <p>An attitude of gratefulness to be found worthy of being used by God</p> <p>Qualifications of leaders</p> <p>I Tim 3:1-13 Titus 1:5-16; 2:1-15 I Peter 5:1-4 I Sam 16:1-13</p>	<p>Ro 12:1-2, 11</p> <p>Ro 15:17-18 - conduit that God can use</p> <p>Christianity is a relationship not a religion</p> <p>Othniel - Spirit was put on him - God gets into a man - then we work in our skin for God</p> <p>Ministry is received not achieved</p> <p>Mt 5:16 I Cor 1:17 Gal 2:20; 5:13 Phil 2:13 I Pe 2:9-10 Pr 27:17</p>	<p>God uses our weaknesses to show His strength - we surrender to Him and He can work in us</p> <p>Ehud - left-handed</p> <p>I Sam 16:7 Esther 4:13-17 Is 64:8 Jer 18:1-11 Jer 29:11, 13 Pr 14:12 Mk 8:34 Ro 8:13 Gal 2:20 I Cor 1:27-31 II Cor 12:9-10</p> <p>We are strong in God's power and not our own</p>	<p>Shamgar - he had what was required to have victory over the Philistines even though he would be considered one of the least in his society</p> <p>Phil 4:11-13</p> <p>Ehud didn't have to save up money to buy iron chariots to take on the enemy - used what was on hand</p> <p>If we have asked God for something and God hasn't given it, we apparently don't need it</p> <p>II Tim 3:16-17 Eph 2:10 James 1:4 II Cor 9:8</p>	<p>Deborah - God is enough</p> <p>At His Word we move</p> <p>II Cor 3:5; 12:9 Eph 6:10-18 Phil 4:19</p>