

## L1.40: Deborah Judges Israel

Judges 4:6-12

*Israel had no king and the people were being treated harshly by their enemies the Canaanites. God told Deborah the judge that the time had come for deliverance and He had some special instructions for the Israelites. Deborah sent for a man named Barak who she knew would be able to prepare an army as God had instructed. The problem was, Barak did not want to go—unless Deborah came with him. So, together, Deborah and Barak went to gather an army for Israel in preparation for a battle that God Himself was planning.*

### Discuss:

- Deborah was both a judge and a prophetess. There are several women besides Deborah mentioned as prophetesses in the Bible, including Miriam (Exodus 15:20), Isaiah's wife (Isaiah 8:3), Huldah (2 Chronicles 34:22), and Anna (Luke 2:36).
- God reveals to a prophet or prophetess what He wants the people to know, and they have the responsibility to tell it to the people. What instructions from God did Deborah pass on to Barak?
- God told Deborah He was planning to deliver Israel from their enemies the Canaanites if they followed His directions. What are some promises God gives us if we follow His directions?
- Why do you think Barak wanted Deborah to go with him to gather the army for battle? What did Deborah tell Barak would happen if she went with him?



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### Memory Challenge:

Judges 4:9

“So she said, “I will surely go with you; nevertheless there will be no glory for you in the journey you are taking, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.” Then Deborah arose and went with Barak to Kedesh.”