



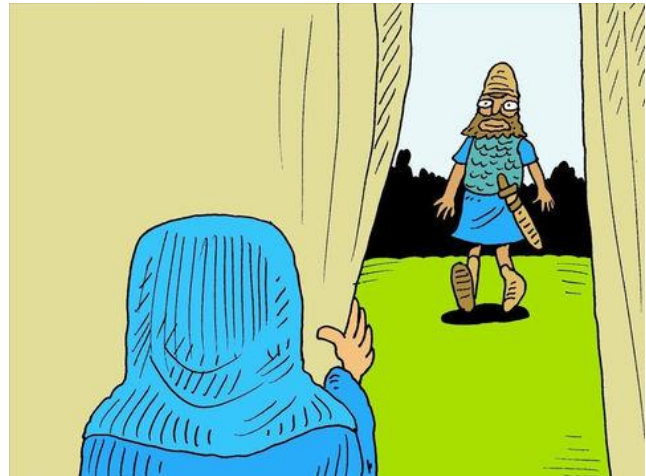
L1.41: Deborah and Barak Go to War

Judges 4:13-24; 5

As God instructed, Deborah and Barak prepared the army of Israel to fight against their enemies, the Canaanites. Sisera, the commander of the Canaanite army heard what the Israelites were doing, so he gathered together his own army—with 900 chariots of iron! He may have thought his chariots were prepared to meet the Israelites in battle, but He wasn't ready to fight against God! God had a plan to stop those chariots—and they were stopped. They got stuck in the mud! Sisera, seeing the Israelites coming against his army leapt from his chariot and ran away on foot—right into a trap!

Discuss:

- The Canaanites had a superior army to the Israelites because they had chariots made of iron, which is a very strong kind of metal. Israel did not have iron weapons, so how were the Israelites able to win the battle against the Canaanites?
- How did God stop the chariots so that they got stuck in the mud?
- What happened to Sisera after he ran away from the battle?
- Who was the woman that Deborah was talking about when she told Barak “the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman”? Deborah mentions her in the song she sang with Barak after the battle.



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Memory Challenge:

Judges 5:31

Thus let all Your enemies perish, O Lord! But let those who love Him be like the sun when it comes out in full strength.