

24. But then when he ^{died} ~~died~~, Israel relapsed into idolatry again.

E. Shamgar (3:31) - Philistia *Philistines*

F. Deborah and Barak (4-5) - Canaan

1. And this time, the relapse was worse than ever before.
2. Then the Lord sends retribution in the person of Jabin the king of Hazor, the king of the Canaanites.
3. He oppresses Israel for 20 years.
4. After this divine retribution, Israel cries out to the Lord in repentance.
5. The Lord raises up rescuers in the persons of Deborah and Barak.
 - i. Deborah was a prophetess of the Lord.
 - ii. Deborah told Barak to go and get 10,000 soldiers from Zebulum and Naphtali and to go to Mt. Tabor and to be there because the Lord was going to bring General Sisera (who was the general of Jabin's army) up to the Kishon river and there he would be delivered into the hand of Barak.
 - iii. But Barak said, "Deborah, there is no way I am going to go unless one condition is met: that you go along."
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 - iv. And Deborah said, "Well if I go, the Lord is going General Sisera into the hands of a woman. He is not going to deliver him into your hand."
 - v. Barak says, "Well that doesn't make any difference. Unless you go, I am not going."
6. And so she goes with him and they gather the 10,000 troops and they meet at Mt. Tabor.
7. Then General Sisera hears that they have gathered there and so he takes the 900 chariots and the army of Jabin, the Canaanite king and comes up to the Kishon river.
8. Then Deborah tells Barak, "Go down and defeat them."
 - i. And the Lord delivered the whole army of the Canaanites into the hand of the Israelites.
 - ii. The whole army of the Canaanites was completely destroyed.
 - iii. General Sisera had to abandon his own chariots.
9. Sisera goes to a tent.
 - i. He felt he knew these people, Heber and Jael.
 - ii. They were friends of Jabin, the king of the Canaanites.
10. He is exhausted and he knows that Deborah and Barak and the soldiers are in hot pursuit of him.