

11. So he says to Jael, "I need some rest."
12. So Jael says, "Well come on in."
13. She puts a nice cover on him, but when he falls asleep, she takes a tent peg and a hammer and drives the tent peg through his temple and kiss him.
14. And a woman kills Sisera just as the Lord had predicted.
15. And Barak comes along and Jael came out and said to Barak, "Who are you looking for?"
  - i. Barak said, "I am looking for Sisera."
  - ii. She said, "Oh, he is right here dead."
  - iii. And she hands him over.
16. The Israelites became stronger and stronger after that until they became free from the Canaanites.
17. And Deborah and Barak judged Israel for 40 years and during that time Israel remained faithful to the Lord.
18. But after Deborah and Barak died, they relapse into idolatry and it started all over again.

#### G. Gideon (6-8) — *Midianite*

1. The relapse is worse than ever before.
2. Each time it gets worse than before.
3. The Lord brings along the Midianites to punish the Israelites.
  - i. When the Midianites come, they waited until the Israelites have planted all their crops.
  - ii. After the crops would start to grow, the Midianites would bring all their army and livestock and put them right where they had planted the crops and it destroyed their crops.
  - iii. Then the Midianites destroyed all their livestock.
  - iv. The people had it hard under the Midianite oppression.
  - v. The Midianites oppressed the Israelites for 7 years.
4. After 7 years, they cried out to the Lord in repentance.
5. The rescuer raised up by the Lord is Gideon.
  - i. Gideon is up in the area of Ophrah.
  - ii. He was in his winepress threshing wheat.
  - iii. The reason he was there was because he was trying to hide it from the Midianites so they wouldn't know he was doing it.