



Judges:

Coulda

Shoulda

But Didn't

# Judges 4:4-24





YOU FIGHT  
LIKE A GIRL

Judges 4:4-5

Deborah is the **ONLY**

**female judge**



Deborah is also the  
**ONLY** judge to be  
designated a “**prophet**”  
(she was a prophetess.

Judges 4:7



Judges 4:9

“Deborah” = **Bee** (perhaps  
connected to her being  
**sweet** to her friends/people  
& carrying a **sting** for  
her enemies)



While Deborah sat under  
this tree in the open air  
the Children of Israel came  
to her to **settle disputes**

Judges 4:6-7



Deborah calls

for **Barak**

“Barak” = **lightning**





It's interesting that the author of Judges uses the name **YHWH** for Lord.

It is to **remind** the reader of the God of their forefathers.



God (through Deborah)  
explained **what** was going  
to happen & **how** it was  
going to play out

Judges 4:8



# Judges 4:9-10

Deborah's very clear that  
the **honor** for this victory  
will **NOT** go to Barak  
instead it would go  
to a **woman**



We find out later that  
this prophecy was  
fulfilled by **Jael**  
Judges 4:11-14



Barak left the relative  
**safety** of the mountain &  
he went right down to  
where the **chariots** were  
(he relied on God)



As Sisera was **fleeing**  
he came to Jael's **tent**

Judges 4:15-16

Judges 4:17-22



While Sisera is **sleeping**

Jael goes & grabs a  
**hammer** & a **tent peg**

(& kills Sisera)

Judges 4:23-24



SO WHAT?

