



**Men & Women Of The Old Testament—Lesson 2— JAEL!**  
**Read Judges Chapter Four**

P1 Long ago before the nation of Israel had a king they were ruled over by a group of men and women called “JUDGES”. These judges would always show up whenever Israel began to wander from the path of righteousness.

P2 In our lesson today Israel's judge was a woman. This woman's name was Deborah. Deborah was the only woman judge that we know of in the Old Testament. There were not very many brave men in the land of Israel at this time but there were some very brave and faithful women. Yes even girls can serve the LORD! God can use Girl Power or Boy Power! And he can use you too!

P3 One of Israel's enemies at this time was a Jabin king of Canaan. Jabin had a mighty captain named Sisera. Sisera was no sissy. He was a mighty captain in the Canaanite army.

P4 Deborah calls one of the men of Israel whose name was Barak, to go to battle against Sisera but he refuses to go unless Deborah will go with him. Deborah says she will go with Barak but because he is afraid he will get no honor from the battle. In fact the glory and honor will go to a woman and not a man.

P5 And Sisera gathered together all his chariots, even nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people that were with him and began to go to battle against Israel. Deborah tells Barak that God will go before him to fight the battle for Israel. So Barak takes 10,000 soldiers down the mountain to fight against Sisera.

P6 We turn now to what the verses say about this battle... Judges 4:15 And the LORD discomfited Sisera, and all his chariots, and all his host, with the edge of the sword before Barak; so that Sisera lighted down off his chariot, and fled away on his feet. 16 But Barak pursued after the chariots, and after the host, unto Harosheth of the Gentiles: and all the host of Sisera fell upon the edge of the sword; and there was not a man left.

P7 Now we will learn about another woman that God used. Her name is Jael. Sisera runs away from Barak. As he runs away he sees a tent. This tent belonged to Heber and his wife Jael. Jael sees what is going on and tells Sisera to come into her tent to hide.

P8 Jael pretends to be his friend and covers him up with a mantel or blanket and then gives him some milk to drink. After a while Sisera begins to feel safe and secure and decides to take a nap.

P9 But Jael was a smart girl. She knew she could never beat a mighty captain of the army. She would have to use her brain to out think him. After hiding him and giving him milk to drink Sisera is feeling confident and tells Jael to watch the door of the tent while he gets some rest.

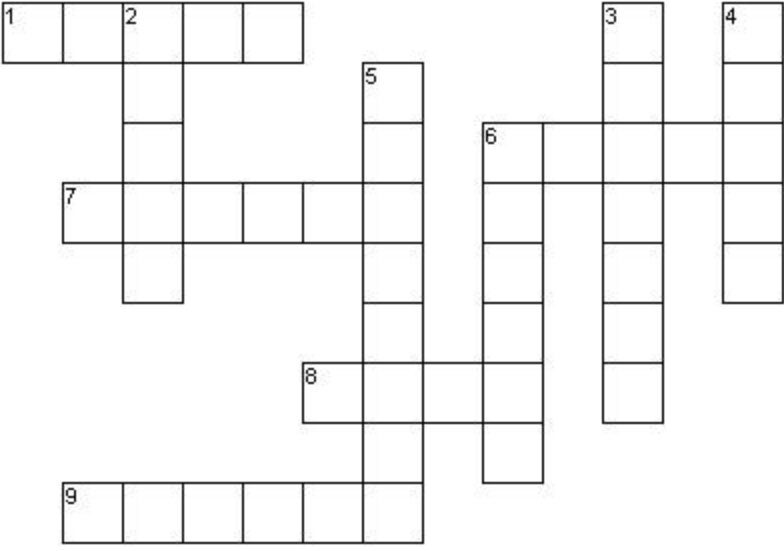
P10 But after he falls asleep Jael knows what to do. Judges 4:21 Then Jael Heber's wife took a nail of the tent, and took an hammer in her hand, and went softly unto him, and smote the nail into his temples, and fastened it into the ground: for he was fast asleep and weary. So he died.

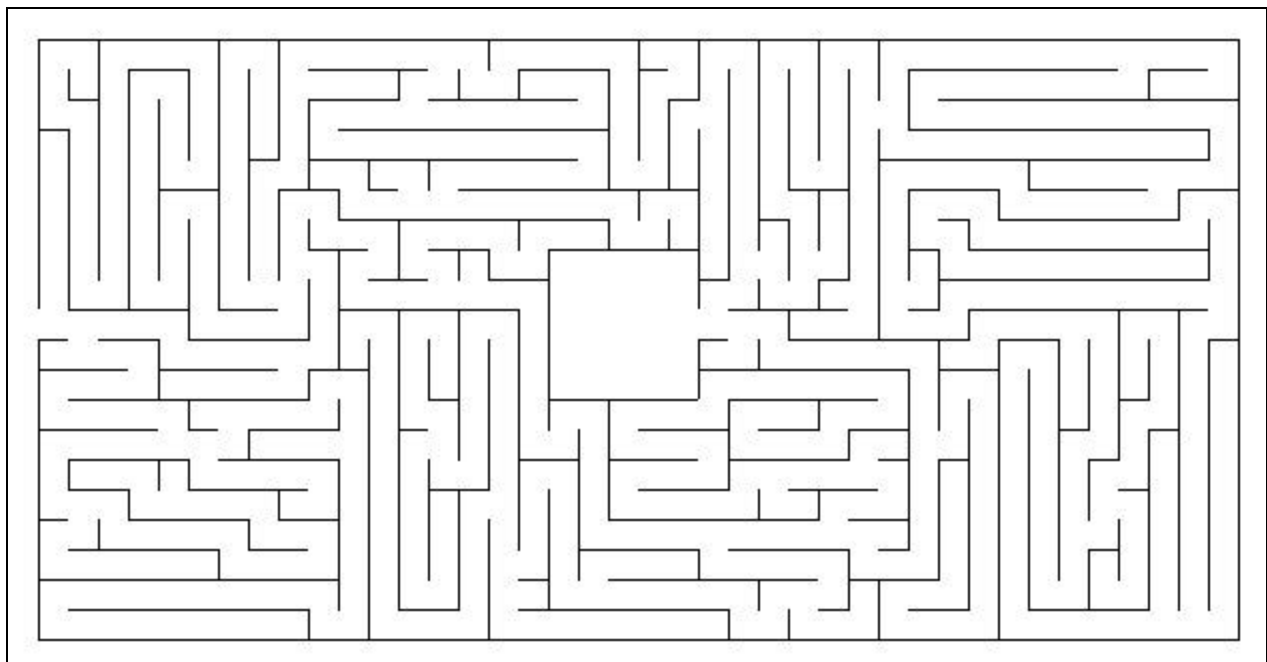
P11 Jael was only a girl but she saved Israel from a fierce enemy. If he had escaped he would have come back with even more soldiers and more people would have died.

P12 Soon Barak shows up looking for Sisera when Jael sees him and comes to meet him. Judges 4:22 And, behold, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him, and said unto him, Come, and I will show thee the man whom thou seekest. And when he came into her tent, behold, Sisera lay dead, and the nail was in his temples. 23 So God subdued on that day Jabin the king of Canaan before the children of Israel. 24 And the hand of the children of Israel prospered, and prevailed against Jabin the king of Canaan, until they had destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.

P13 Today we are in a battle with the second most powerful being in the universe. His name is Satan. Our weapon is the truth of the word of God. God used Jael who used a hammer and nail to fight the enemies of God. Sometimes it may seem that Satan is bigger and stronger just like Sisera must have looked to the girl Jael. But always remember Jael used her God given brain to get the job done!!

More next time...

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**BARAK**  
**CANAAN**  
**DEBORAH**  
**HEBER**  
**ISRAEL**  
**JABIN**  
**JAEL**  
**JUDGES**  
**SISERA**

**THERE ARE 2 HIDDEN PHRASES TODAY!**

**WRITE THEM HERE**

# MATCH UP

**DEBORAH**  
**CANAAN**  
**BARAK**  
**JAEL**  
**SISERA**  
**BRAIN**  
**HEBER**  
**IRON**

- 1) SHE USED A HAMMER & NAIL
- 2) JAEL'S HUSBAND
- 3) CHARIOTS
- 4) A MIGHTY ENEMY CAPTAIN
- 5) DEBORAH'S CAPTAIN
- 6) ISRAEL'S ENEMIES
- 7) SHE WAS A JUDGE
- 8) JAEL USED HER