



## Introduction

*Once in the promised land, the children of Israel were harassed by the surrounding nations. God provided several judges who delivered them from their enemies.*



## Questions

1. What did the LORD do to Israel because they did evil in his sight?
2. How did Deborah encourage Barak before the battle?
3. Why did Sisera trust Jael to look after him?



## Summary Points

- **v 1 to 3** Jabin, king of Canaan, oppresses Israel for twenty years, because the Jews ignore God's commands (see theme)
- **v 4 to 9** Judge Deborah persuades Barak to lead an army against Sisera, captain of Jabin's army
- **v 10 to 16** With help from the LORD, Barak defeats Sisera's army
- **v 17 to 24** Sisera flees on foot and seeks refuge in the tent of Jael, but Jael kills him

**Timeline** 1100 BC (see below)



## Theme

### God asks for obedience

*A selection of verses showing how and why God asks for obedience.*

God asks for obedience from his chosen people, the Israelites. He tells them that obedience will bring blessing on the nation, but disobedience will result in problems for them:

*Exodus 19 verses 5 and 6*

*Deuteronomy 11 verses 26 to 28*

When confronted by the authorities, the apostle Peter makes his position clear:

*Acts 4 verses 18 to 20, 5 verses 27 to 29*

Jesus Christ is our example of obeying God:

*Philippians 2 verse 8*

The letter to the Hebrews, talking about Jesus, says:

*Hebrews 5 verse 8*



## ? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 2, Q 2: v 14, Q 3: v 17

## Bible timeline

