

Period of "the Judges/Leaders"... idol worship/adversaries

Amorites < northeast (Othniel)

Moabites/Ammonites < east (Ehud)

Philistines < west (Shamgar)

Canaanites (Hazor) < north (Deborah)

Midianites < south/east (Gideon)

God can <u>produce</u> people/circumstances to hurt or help you from <u>any</u> source!

Nothing can provide <u>protection</u> from God's <u>displeasure</u>. Just OBEY GOD!

- a) Barak was informed and instructed about God's assignment of military leadership.
- b) He said, "Yes... but...only with Deborah's help."
- c) Deborah said, "Very well, but the glory of the victory will go to woman."

Barak had great <u>faith</u>, but he did not obey God's <u>calling</u> [to be in charge].

LEADERSHIP

Regardless of our opinion, God has a plan by which our world works best. That plan includes men exercising leadership, always in the <u>final</u> <u>authority</u> role.

Men and Women are:

- equal in worth/value
- different in identity/role

God has **gifted** man to lead but some men fail to use their gift and therefore do not fulfill God's intention.

"But Moses said, "O Lord, please send someone else to do it."

(Ex. 3:13)

The burdens of leadership are great, but this is no excuse to **dodge** or **refuse**.

Men can delegate any task/authority to women, but they cannot delegate the **role/responsibility** of that leadership itself. Why not? Because they cannot change what **God expects**.

The challenge of leadership is **OBEDIENCE**

Jael!

Amazing "coincidence" that Jael (connection with the family of Moses) had previously established friendship and trust with Sisera (enemy of the family of Moses).

This was **GOD'S PREPARATION** for deliverance!

God is <u>able</u> to cause things to happen that we are <u>unable</u> to cause to happen!

God is able to see and prepare for **FUTURE**

We are only able to understand **PRESENT**

*Therefore, our need to <u>trust</u> and <u>obey</u> God's will!