

## Deborah, A Mother in Israel

### Judges 3:7-5:31

#### Key Verse: 5:7

1. Read verses 3:7-11. What kind of evil did Israel commit before God? What was the result? What made God intervene? Describe Othniel's spiritual character and faith.
2. Read verses 3:12-30. What cycle was repeated? (12-15a) How was Ehud's perceived weakness a strength in God? (Heb 11:33-34; 2Co 12:9) Describe his plan and how he executed it. How did he demonstrate his leadership? Read verse 31. Describe Shamgar's faith.
3. Read verses 4:1-23. Under whom was Israel oppressed? (What contributed to Israel's gradual decline?) Who was Deborah? How did God use Deborah to help Barak? (6-7) How did God help them to win the victory?
4. Read verses 5:1-31. Describe Deborah's praise. (1-5) What kind of spiritual qualities can we learn from Deborah? (7-9) What encouraging and rebuking words did she have for the different tribes of Israel? (10-23) How was Jael's act of faith blessed? (24-30) How did she conclude her song? (31) What can we learn from Deborah and Barak?