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Deborah loved God and listened to Him. God told Deborah messages to give to His people. Many people came to talk to Deborah. She helped the people know how to obey God.

One day God gave Deborah a message for a man named Barak. Deborah told Barak, "God has an important job for you. He wants you to take 10,000 men to Mount Tabor. There you will fight the enemy Sisera and his army. And you will win!"

Barak was afraid when he heard this message. Sisera's army was big and had 900 strong chariots. Barak said, "Deborah, I will only go if you go with me." Deborah wanted Barak to trust God and obey, so she said she would go.

Soon 10,000 men marched with Barak and Deborah up Mount Tabor. Sisera was getting

ready to fight, too. He was sure he would win. After all, he had 900 strong, fast chariots! But Sisera didn't know the Israelites had God's help!

The Israelites camped on Mount Tabor, above a wide flat valley. Soon they saw Sisera and his army coming with all their chariots. As Barak and his men started down the mountain, God sent a thunderstorm! Lightning flashed. Rain poured. The chariots could go very fast on dry ground, but the rain turned the ground into mud! Those 900 strong chariots were STUCK. Sisera and his men ran away from their chariots. Barak's army chased them until there was no one left to chase! God had done what He said He would do! Everyone praised God!