

## I. Deborah Was Oppressed (4:1-3)

**“And the people of Israel again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord after Ehud died. 2 And the Lord sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor. The commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-hagoyim. 3 Then the people of Israel cried out to the Lord for help, for he had 900 chariots of iron and he oppressed the people of Israel cruelly for twenty years.”**

## II. Deborah Was A Prophetess (4:4a)

**“Now Deborah, a prophetess...”**

## III. Deborah Was A Wife (4:4b)

**“...the wife of Lappidoth...”**

## IV. Deborah Was A Judge (4:4c-5)

**“...was judging Israel at that time. 5 She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the people of Israel came up to her for judgment.” Samuel is the only other person who functioned as both prophet and judge**

## V. Deborah Was A Military Adviser (4:6-8)

**“She sent and summoned Barak the son of Abinoam from Kedesh-naphtali and said to him, “Has not the Lord, the God of Israel, commanded you, ‘Go, gather your men at Mount Tabor, taking 10,000 from the people of Naphtali and the people of Zebulun. 7 And I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the river Kishon with his chariots and his troops, and I will give him into your hand?’”**

## VI. Deborah Was A Singer/Songwriter (5:1)

**“Then sang Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam on that day...” Much like King David, Deborah could be effective in both war & worship**

## VII. Deborah Was A Spiritual Mother (5:7)

**“The villagers ceased in Israel; they ceased to be until I arose; I, Deborah, arose as a mother in Israel.”**

## VIII. Deborah Was A National Hero (5:31)

**“So may all your enemies perish, O Lord! But your friends be like the sun as he rises in his might.” And the land had rest for forty years.**