

I. God Was Working Before Her (11,17) **God had set the stage for Jael’s moment**

“Now Heber the Kenite had separated from the Kenites, the descendants of Hobab, the father-in-law of Moses, and had pitched his tent as far away as the oak in Zaanannim, which is near Kedesh... 17 But Sisera fled away on foot to the tent of Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite, for there was peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite.”

II. God Was Working Around Her (18-20) **exemplifies the utilization of the system to accomplish the mission**

A. The system said that women must nurture (18) – “And Jael came out to meet Sisera and said to him, “Turn aside, my lord; turn aside to me; do not be afraid.” So he turned aside to her into the tent, and she covered him with a rug.”

B. The system said that women must provide (19) – “And he said to her, “Please give me a little water to drink, for I am thirsty.” So she opened a skin of milk and gave him a drink and covered him.”

C. The system said that women must obey (20) – “And he said to her, “Stand at the opening of the tent, and if any man comes and asks you, ‘Is anyone here?’ say, ‘No.’”

- **The Father used the system (when the fullness of times had come...)**
- **Jesus used the system (Judaism, temple, mock trials, Roman execution)**
- **Paul used the system (synagogues in every city is where he typically began mission work)**

III. God Was Working Through Her (21-22) **out of the shadows into her moment of destiny**

A. Jael counted the cost (21a) – “But Jael the wife of Heber took a tent peg, and took a hammer in her hand...”

According to verse 17, her husband was an ally of Sisera’s people

B. Jael laid it all on the line (21b) – “Then she went softly to him and drove the peg into his temple until it went down into the ground while he was lying fast asleep from weariness. So he died.”

C. Jael was not afraid nor ashamed (22) – “And behold, as Barak was pursuing Sisera, Jael went out to meet him and said to him, “Come, and I will show you the man whom you are seeking.” So he went in to her tent, and there lay Sisera dead, with the tent peg in his temple.” **Fear and shame are dual shackles that seek to chain Kingdom women**

IV. God Would Be Working After Her (23-24)

A. Jael was a singular part of a larger mission (23) – “So on that day God subdued Jabin the king of Canaan before the people of Israel. 24 And the hand of the people of Israel pressed harder and harder against Jabin the king of Canaan, until they destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.”

B. Jael’s name would be exalted (5:6) – “In the days of Shamgar, son of Anath, in the days of Jael, the highways were abandoned, and travelers kept to the byways.”

C. Jael’s deeds became legendary (Judges 5:24-27) - “Most blessed of women be Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite, of tent-dwelling women most blessed. 25 He asked for water and she gave him milk; she brought him curds in a noble’s bowl. 26 She sent her hand to the tent peg and her right hand to the workmen’s mallet; she struck Sisera; she crushed his head; she shattered and pierced his temple. 27 Between her feet he sank, he fell, he lay still; between her feet he sank, he fell; where he sank, there he fell-dead.”