## **Bible History Puzzle 74**

After Ehud had died, the Israelites forgot the Lord again. Again they bowed in front of the idols. How foolish! Would those dumb statutes grow corn? Did they give the sun and the rain on time?

We don't know much about the third judge. There are only two verses mentioning him in the Bible. We do know that the highways were abandoned so that travelers had to go on out-of-the-way country roads to get anywhere. Then we hear that Shamgar slew 600 Philistines. So, the Philistines must have been robbing anyone travelling on the \_\_\_\_\_\_(wyshghia). This was God's punishment for their idol worship. Shamgar was probably a farmer, and he took his eight-foot long ox goad with its sharp point at one end and killed 600 Philistines. The Bible says Shamgar "saved Israel." We are not told how long he was a judge for.

Soon after Shamgar, people stopped going up to Shiloh. They continued their \_\_\_\_\_(diol) worship and would rather stay home. They dared to mock the God of Israel, Who was so faithful in delivering them over and over!

And so the punishments came again. The Canaanites came back into the land. Jabin, their king, had a strong \_\_\_\_\_(rmay) and many iron chariots. His general, Sisera, was a brave man. They did not only plunder Israel, but they even killed the farmers! It was not safe anywhere. This lasted for 20 years. When the Israelites did not know what to do anymore they called on the \_\_\_\_\_(rdLo) again to save them.

The Lord did save them! Close to Shiloh lived Deborah, a very wise woman. She was a prophetess and she had received wisdom from the Lord. The Israelites went to her for advice. She loved the Lord and prayed much for her people. She also warned them of sin.

One day, she called Barak to herself. Barak loved the Lord too. When he came to Deborah, she said, "The Lord has told me that you must drive out the Canaanites. Gather the men and go out to \_\_\_\_\_(gfiht) them. The Lord will give you victory."

He said, "I will do it, but only if you come along, Deborah."

"Very well," Deborah said, "but then you will not receive the honor of Sisera's death."

Barak called the men of Israel up to go to battle and gathered everyone together on Mount Tabor. There were 10,000 soldiers. When Sisera heard it, he came with his army and his iron \_\_\_\_\_\_(hrtcaios). It would seem he was much stronger, but Deborah said, "Up! The Lord will give him into your hands!"

So it happened. The Canaanites were conquered and thousands were killed. Sisera had to abandon his chariot and flee on foot while Barak and his army continued to pursue and slaughter the other Canaanites.

Sisera grew tired, but thankfully he saw a \_\_\_\_\_(ttne) with a woman who called to him and said, "Come on inside to rest!" When he asked her for water she brought him milk and covered him sho he could sleep. He thought he was safe with this woman, whose name was Jael. But, while he slept, she took a large tent stake and drove it through his head with a hammer. Then Sisera was dead. When Barak reached the tent, Jael told him what she had done. Yes, this woman had \_\_\_\_\_\_(dklile) Sisera and the Canaanites had been conquered. So Israel was delivered again.



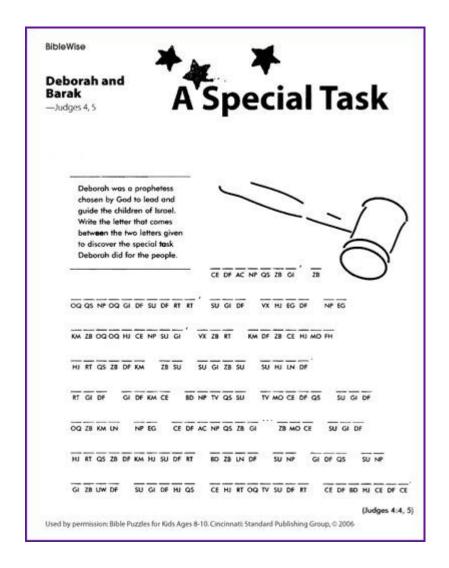
We have borrowed puzzles from other sources this week, follow the directions at the top of each picture:

	Deborah Was a Judge in Israel Word Scramble Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in the circle boxes and unscramble them to find the answer to the last phrase.
MORTS	
SIPERA	
AANANC	
KABAR	
WORDS	
BORHAED	
What did Sisera had	ve that scared the Israelites?

"And against you I will deploy (SISSY, SISERA), the commander of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude at the River Kishon; and I will deliver him into your hand?" JUDGES 4:7

Barak said to her, 'If you will go with me, then I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go.' TRUE OR FALSE

So she said, "I surely will not go with you!" TRUE OR FALSE



The children of Israel cried out to the LORD; for Jabin had nine hundred \_\_\_\_\_ of iron, and for twenty years he harshly oppressed the children of Israel.

Now (DANDELION, DEBORAH), a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, was (JUDGING, VISITING) Israel at that time."