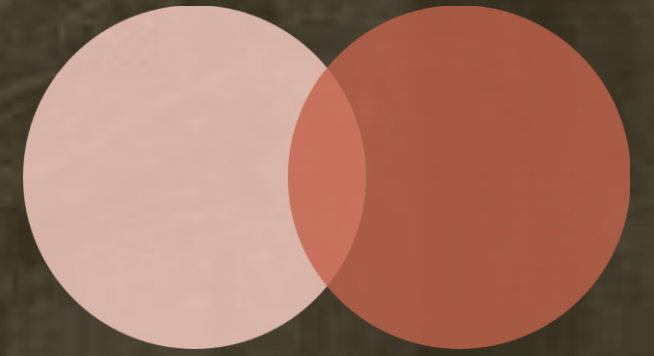


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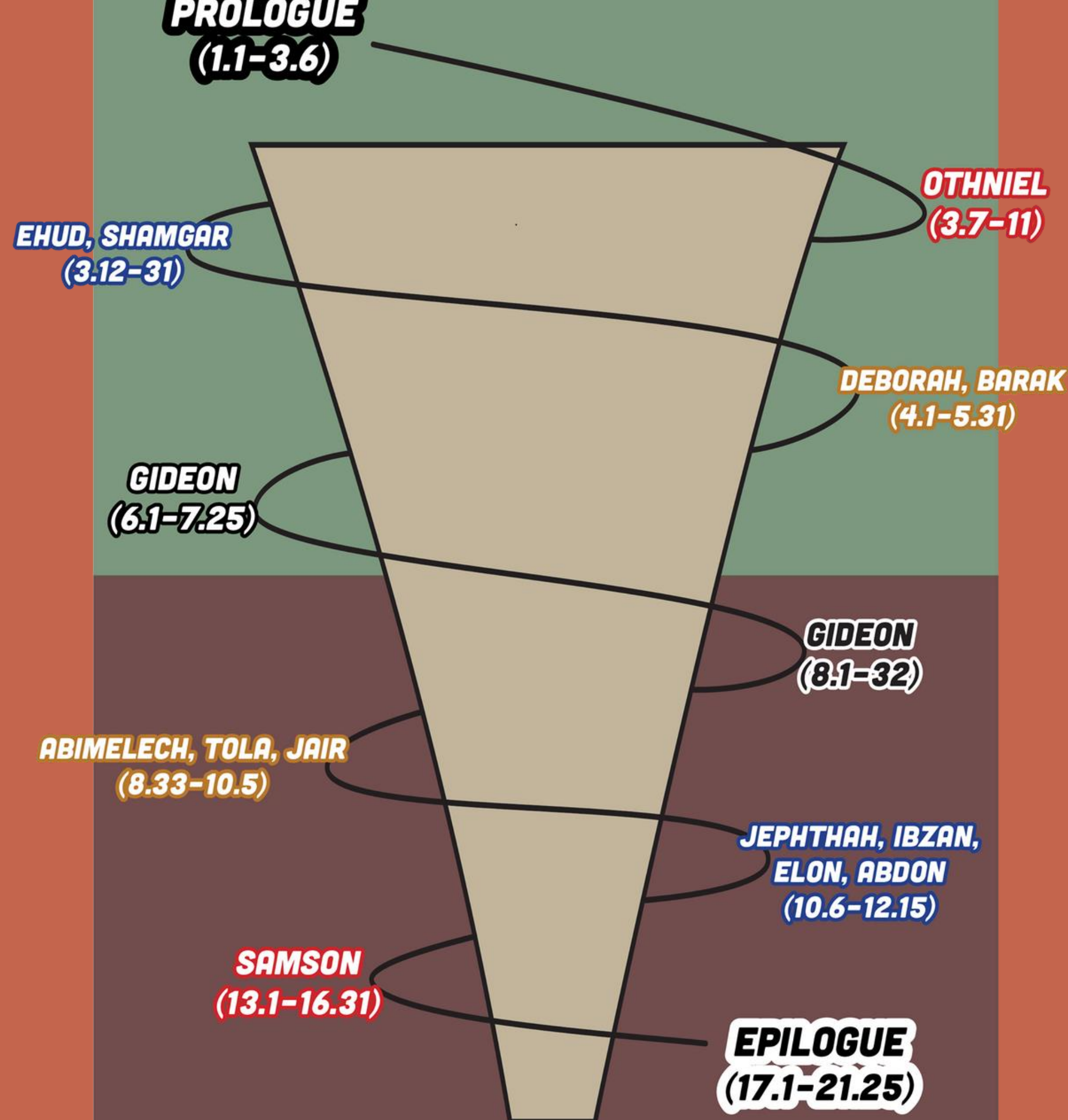
# FAILED SAVIORS.

4. Failed Obedience (Jgs 4-5)

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# DEBORAH & BARAK IN A DOWNWARD SPIRAL

- Geography
  - Set in the North
  - Judah and Simeon Missing
- Literature
- Narrative
  - Woman Hero
  - Blow to the Head
  - Unconventional Weapon
  - No specific judge





**CANAANIZATION,  
PUNISHMENT,  
RESPONSE  
(JGS 4.1–3)**

**AGAIN, THEY DID EVIL (4.1)**

Sequential following Ehud's peace.

**JABIN OF HAZOR (4.2)**

cf. Jos 11.1–15 and *anti-Conquest*

**CRIED OUT TO THE LORD (4.3)**

Twenty years of pain before they cry out...

# CANAANIZATION

JUDGES 4.4–10

DEBORAH,  
WIFE OF  
LAPPIDOTH

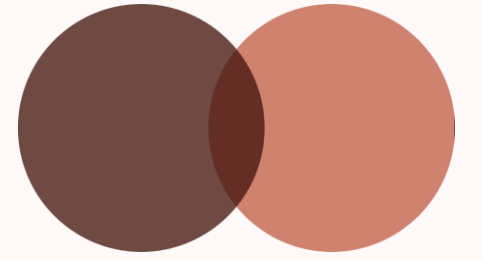
A “bee” and the wife of “lightning,” a prophetess *after Moses*

BARAK, SON  
OF ABINOAM  
OF NAPHTALI

A “thunderous” man who only conditionally answers the call

GOD’S CALL,  
BARAK’S  
ANSWER

Why does Barak answer as he does? How does God respond?



# God's Gift of Deliverance (Jgs 4.11-22)

- **HEBER (4.11)**

An interlude and a clue.

- **HAND (4.12-16)**

The *Lord* does the fighting, much like Exd 14.24

- **Jael (4.17-21)**

The foil to her husband's loyalty.

- **HAND (4.22)**

The one to whom goes the glory.

# THE SAME, BUT DIFFERENT?



## PLURAL PERSPECTIVE

Gospels, SK-Chronicles, Song  
of the Sea (Exd 14–15)

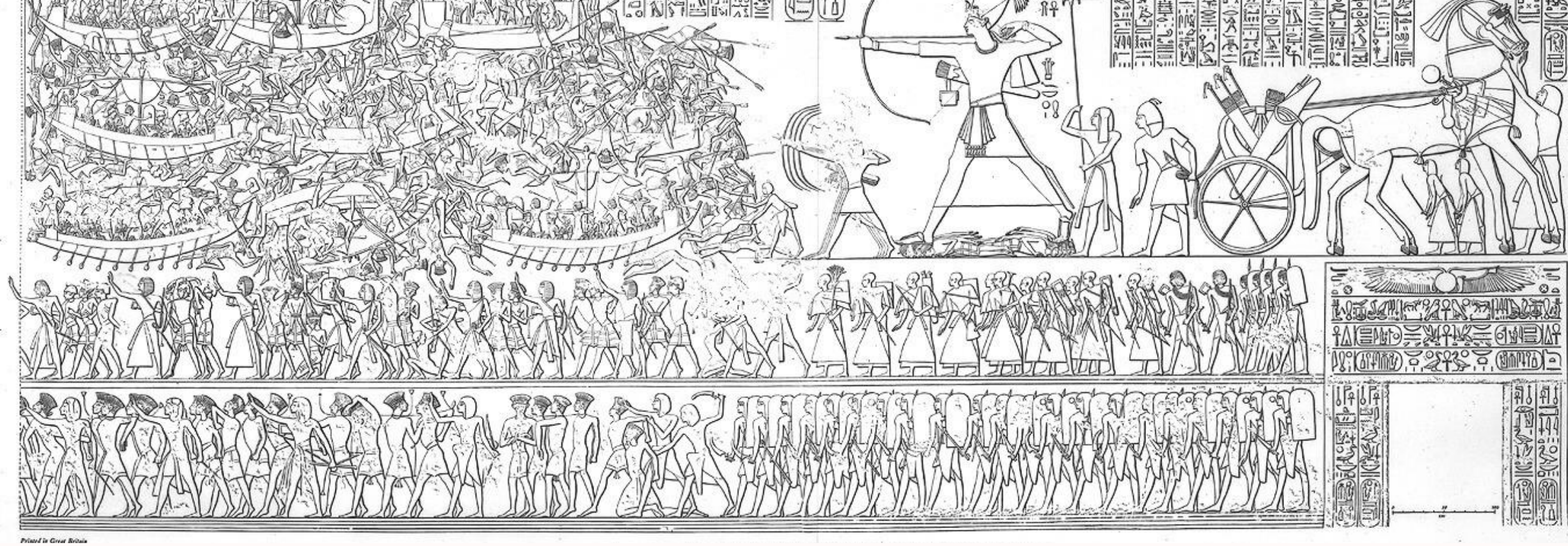
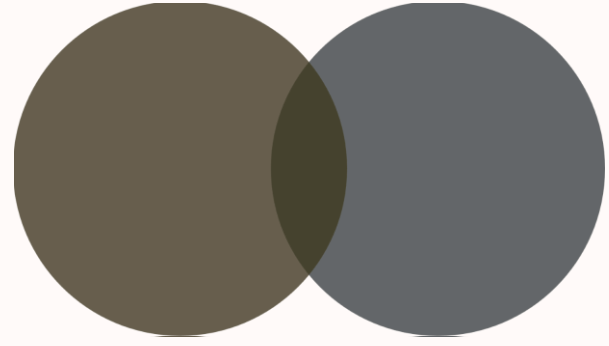
## POETRY AND PROSE

What does each emphasize?

## HOW ABOUT HERE?

What's the same? Different?

# POETIC INTRODUCTION (5.1-3)



**“WHEN LEADERS LEAD...”**

Two different ways to translate this phrase:

a) “When the leaders lead...”

b) “When their hair grew long...”



FAILED SAVIORS.

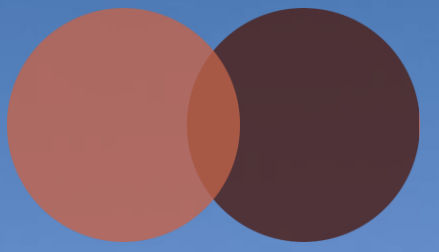


# GOD, THE SAVIOR

Judges 5.4–11 (the opposite of ch 4!)

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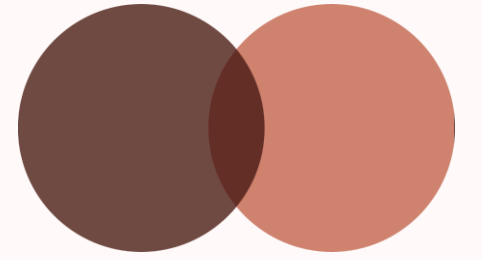




**THE MAIN  
BATTLE  
(5.11B-22)**



# Personal Battle (5.23–27)



- **CURSED (5.23)**

The angel curses the enemies.

- **BLESSED (5.24–25)**

The emphasis on her femininity.

- **SHE STRUCK (5.26)**

Repeated verbs of conquering.

- **HE FELL (5.27)**

Repeated verbs of being conquered.

# THE MOTHER (5.28-32)



## OUT THE WINDOW

A rare window into the episode.

## WHY SO LONG?

How do her handmaids attempt to comfort the mother?

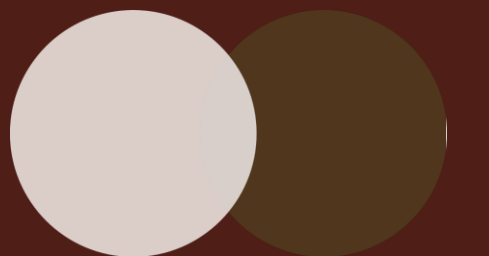
## SO MAY THEY ALL PERISH.

The 40 years of peace concludes the episode.



## WHAT SORTS OF SAVIORS ARE THESE?

- What do we think of Barak?
- What do we think of Deborah?
- What do we think of Jael?



# NEXT CLASS:

5. FAILED  
CALLING  
(JGS 6-7)

## THOUGHTS QUESTIONS:

1. Is Gideon brave?
2. Is Gideon obedient?
3. How does God uses Gideon?
4. How do God and Gideon test each other?

