

# Key Verse

I Cor. 1:27

How's your memory?

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But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty.

Lesson 5

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Judges 6:1-23

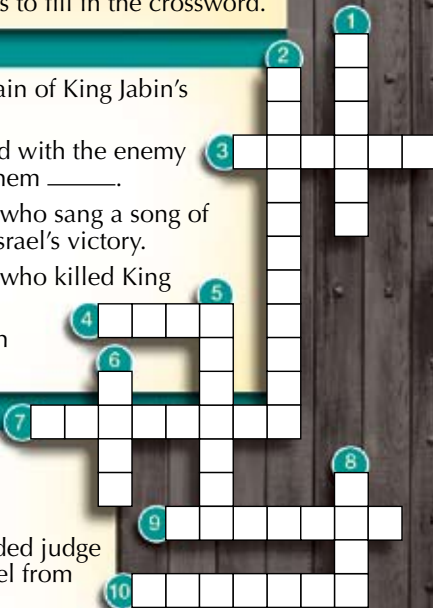
Use the following clues to fill in the crossword.

## Down

- 1 Who was the captain of King Jabin's army?
- 2 Israel compromised with the enemy when they made them \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 Name the woman who sang a song of praise to God for Israel's victory.
- 6 Name the woman who killed King Jabin's captain.
- 8 She killed him with what instrument?

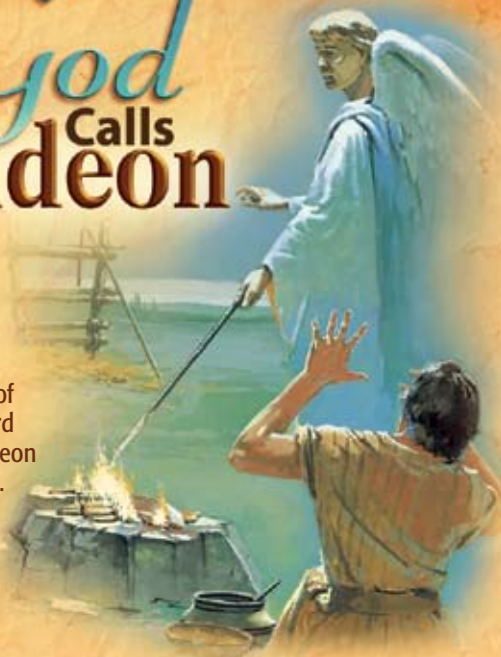
## Across

- 3 The Lord saw \_\_\_\_\_ as a mighty man of valor.
- 4 Name the left-handed judge who delivered Israel from Moab.
- 7 Judah could not drive out the inhabitants in the valley because they had \_\_\_\_\_ of iron.
- 9 Name the deliverer who killed 600 Philistines with an ox goad.
- 10 Israel's first judge was \_\_\_\_\_.



# God Calls Gideon

Angel of the Lord gives Gideon a sign.



It is not God's will for His people to be in bondage to evil. Jesus came to free us from the power of sin. But if we do not keep God first in our lives, Satan can get a foothold and put us into a bondage situation.

To be freed from bondage, we need to acknowledge we have a problem, confess our sin to God, and cry out to Him to deliver us.

Scripture to read before next study

Judges 6:25-40; 7:1-25

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Answers: Down: Sisera, tributaries; Deborah, Jael, nail  
Across: Gideon, Ethud, chariots, Shamgar, Onnith

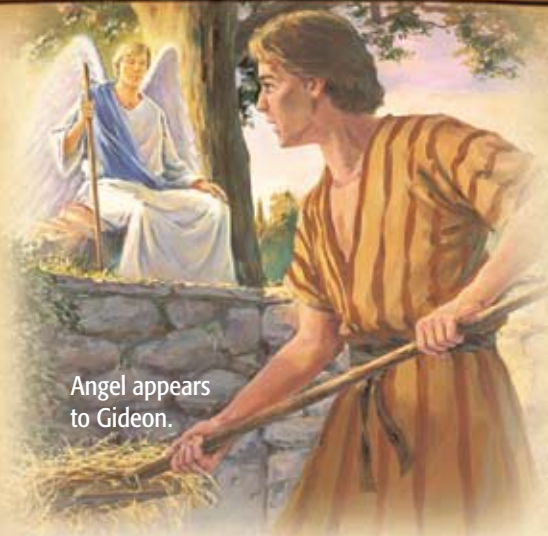
# Work of a Prophet

Judges 6:8–10 is the first record of an unknown person, whose sole purpose was—to rebuke God’s people for their sin.

As sacred history continued, this was a chief function in God’s dealings with Israel.

- In Genesis, **Abraham** is referred to as a prophet to a heathen king.
- In Exodus, **Aaron** is spoken of as Moses’ prophet.
- Numbers/Deuteronomy speak about **prophets** in general.
- **Deborah** is called a **prophetess**/Judge.
- Prophets later **wrote** many OT books.

—Halley (adapted)



Angel appears to Gideon.

## God chooses Gideon

After being oppressed **7 yrs.**, Israel cried to God for deliverance. Then God began to raise up a deliverer/Judge.

The Angel of the Lord came to Gideon as he threshed wheat by his father’s winepress. He called Gideon, *“thou mighty man of valor.”* God looked beyond and saw what Gideon could become. In the same way, God looks at us and sees what we can become.

God was patient with Gideon. He delights in taking a “nobody”—like Gideon, a poor, least person in his family—and making “somebody” out of him.

Defeated Christians are living contradictions to God’s power.

## Midian oppresses Israel

Israel had rest for 40 yrs., but when Deborah died, Israel turned to idolatry and lived like their heathen neighbors.

For 7 yrs. Midianites, Amalekites, and children of the east oppressed Israel. They moved in like grasshoppers, destroyed Israel’s grain, stripped the land of food, and killed their animals.



Midianites destroy crops.

Israel was frightened and made themselves dens in caves and mountains. Israel should have faced their enemy in the power of God, but Israel had done evil, and they were powerless.