

WOMEN RULE, MEN DROOL?

Judges 4:1-24 // September 27, 2026 PM

Through cowardly men and courageous women God displays His power to save.

I. Yahweh's deliverer is *enlisted* by a woman (vv. 1-11).

II. Yahweh's deliverer is *eclipsed* by a woman (vv. 12-24).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What was the view of men and women in the ancient world? How does that inform our understanding of this story?
2. Who was Deborah, and what role did she play in the deliverance God would bring about for wayward Israel?
3. Who was the third major judge? What does his name mean, and why is that significant?
4. How does Barak prove to be cowardly and weak as a man and a leader? Why does the Bible set him forth as an example of faith (Heb. 11:32)?
5. Should women ordinarily fight in combat? What does the Bible say about this, and what can we learn about it even from this story?
6. Who was Jael, and how did the fame for the victory over Jabin end up going to her?
7. How does this story point us to Jesus and His salvation?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. How would I respond to someone using this account to support feminist ideology?
2. How do Deborah, Barak, and Jael all drive us back to one of the overarching themes of the book of Judges?
3. Is my life marked by valor through faith in the serpent-smashing Son of God?