## V. Parenthesis 1: The Governorship of Shamgar (3:31)

<u>JUDGE</u>	<b>ENEMY</b>	<u>WEAPON</u>
Ehud	Moabites	Two-edged Dagger
Shamgar	Philistines	Oxgoad (Cattle Prod)
Deborah (Jael)	Canaanites	Tent Peg
Gideon	Midianites	Pitchers, Torches & Trumpets
Samson	Philistines	Jawbone of a Donkey
		Columns & Roof of a Building

# VI. The Canaanite and Deborah/Barak Cycle

Godly Ruler and Rescuer (4:1 - 5:31)

### **A Godly Ruler**

Judges 4:1-5

Who was the commander of the Canaanite army? And why were the Israelites so afraid of him and his army?

Who did God send to judge His people at this time?

### **A Godly Rescuer**

Judges 4:6-16

Who did Deborah call upon to be the godly rescuer of Israel?

How did he respond to this call?

In Hebrews 11:32, Barak is listed among others as a "hero of the faith." What evidence do we find here of his heroism?

### **Death by Tent Peg**

Judges 4:11, 17-22

After the army of Sisera fell (v 16), what happened to Sisera?

What did Deborah prophecy concerning the death of Sisera?

#### **God Wins**

Judges 4:24 – 5:31

What insights do we gain from Deborah's Song in chapter 5 about the story of God's deliverance in chapter 4?

- ... Concerning "God"
- ... Concerning "the Tribes of Israel"
- ... Concerning "the battle"
- ... Concerning "the victory"
- ... Concerning "the character of Sisera"

#### **Living with Two Perspectives**

What happens if we only have an historical perspective on life? What difference would it make to maintain both an historical and theological perspective on life?