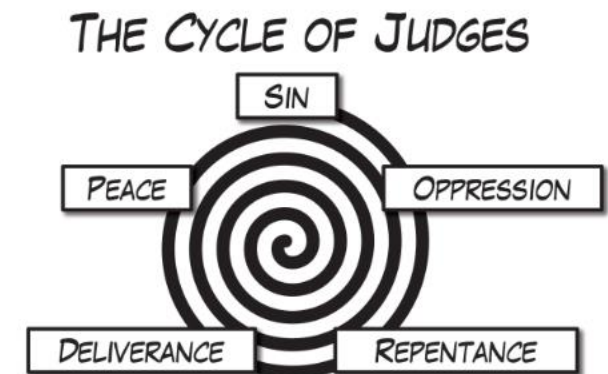
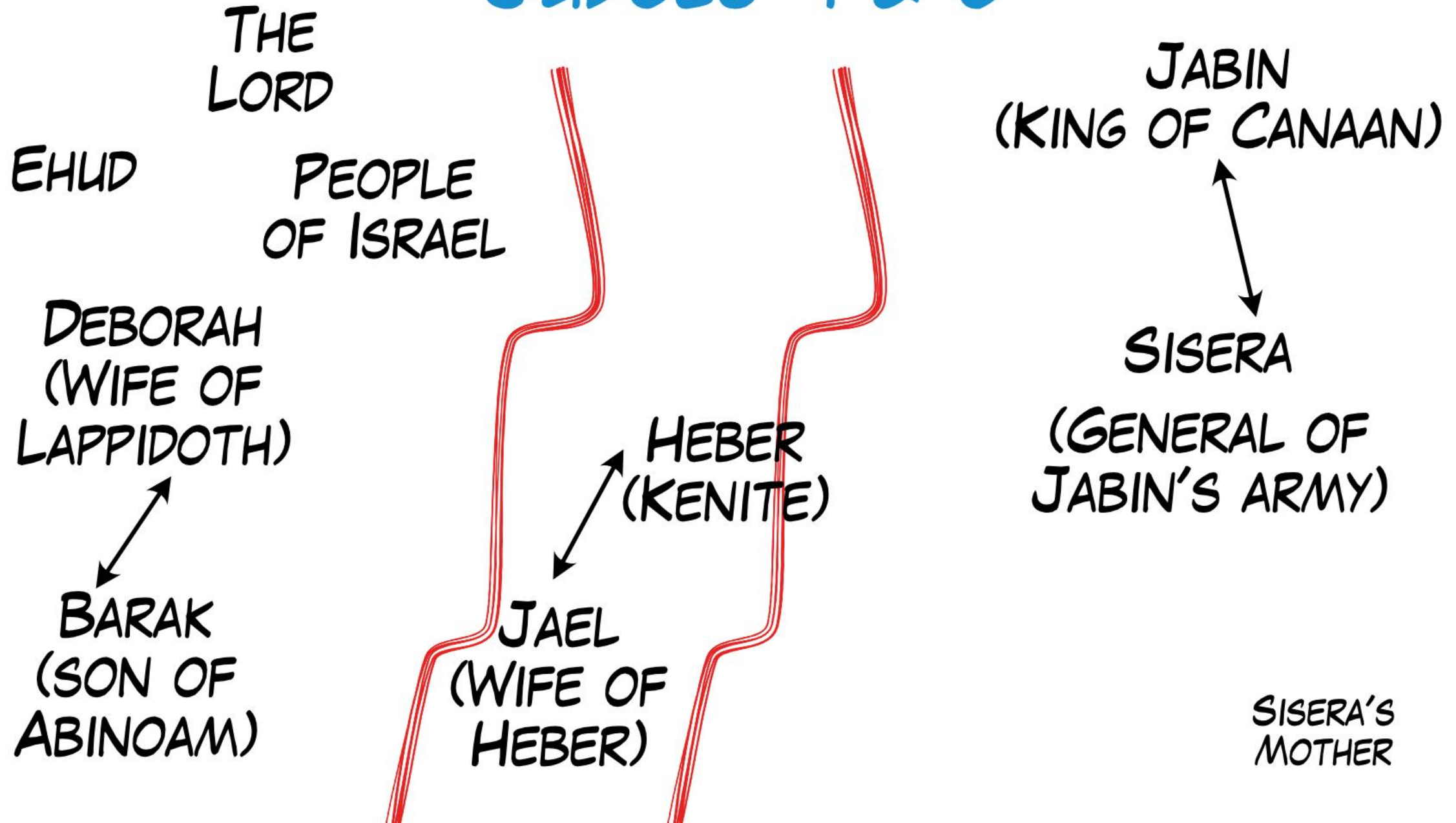


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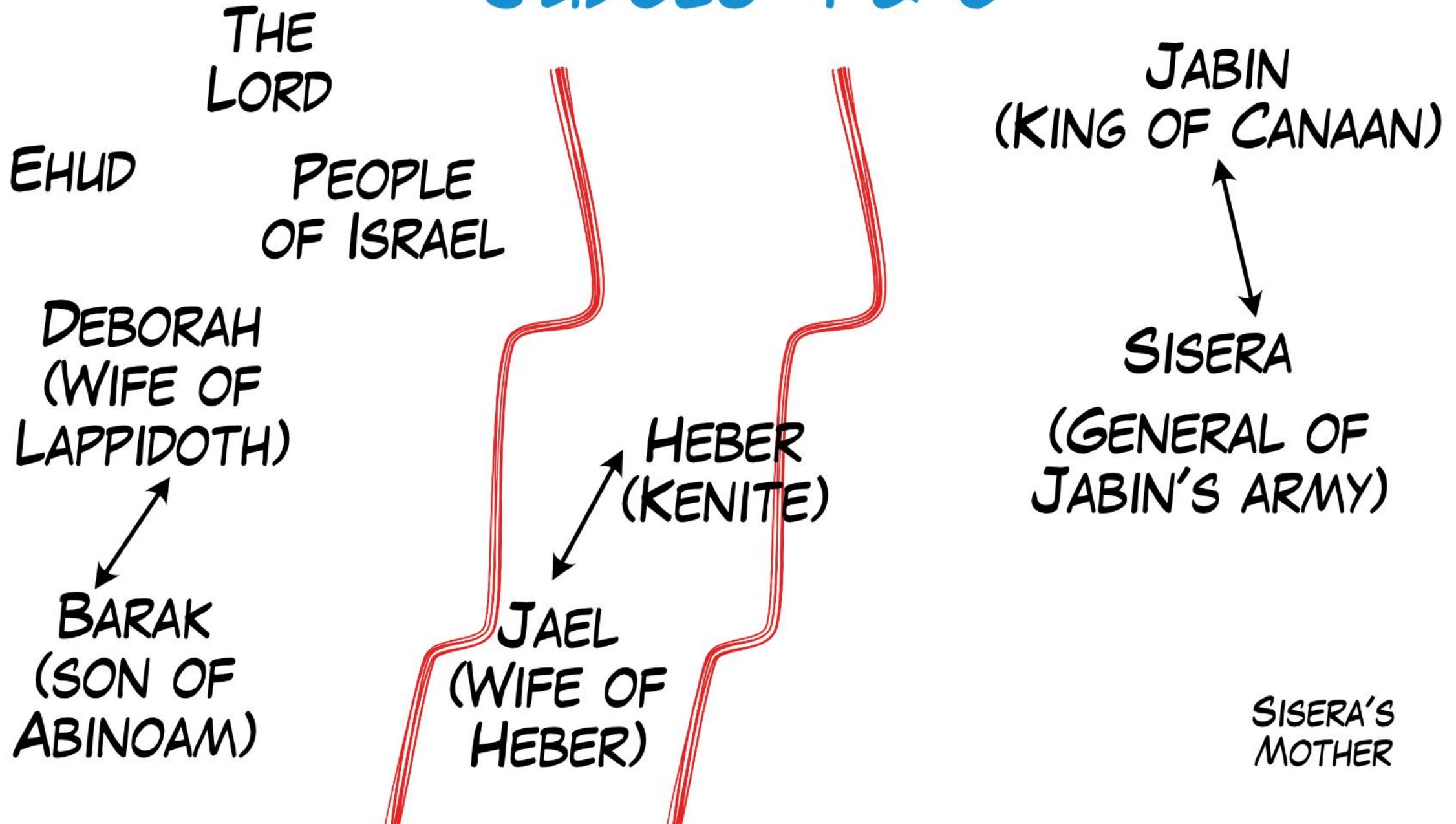
1 SAMUEL 12:11

11 THEN THE LORD SENT JERUB-
BAAL, BARAK, JEPHTHAH AND
SAMUEL, AND HE DELIVERED YOU
FROM THE HANDS OF YOUR ENEMIES
ON EVERY SIDE, SO THAT YOU LIVED
SECURELY.

HEBREWS 11:32

³² AND WHAT MORE SHALL I
SAY? I DO NOT HAVE TIME TO
TELL ABOUT GIDEON, BARAK,
SAMSON, JEPHTHAH, DAVID,
SAMUEL AND THE PROPHETS,

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¹ On that day Deborah and Barak son of Abinoam sang this song:

² Because of total commitment in Israel
Because the people willingly offer themselves—
Praise the LORD!

³ Hear this, you kings!

Listen you rulers!

I to the LORD, I will sing;

I will make music to the LORD, the God of Israel.

⁴ O LORD, when you went out from Seir,
when you marched from the land of Edom,
the earth shook, the heavens gushed;
the clouds gushed down water,

⁵ the mountains quaked
before the LORD, the One of Sinai
before the LORD, the God of Israel.

¹ After Ehud died, the Israelites once again did evil in the eyes of the LORD. ² So the LORD sold them into the hands of Jabin, a king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor. The commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth Haggoyim. ³ Because he had nine hundred iron chariots and had cruelly oppressed the Israelites for twenty years, they cried to the LORD for help.

⁴ Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lappidoth, was leading Israel at that time. ⁵ She held court under the Palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites came to her [for a decision from God].

⁶ In the days of Shamgar son of Anath,
in the days of Jael, the roads were abandoned;
travelers took to winding paths.

⁷ Village life ceased; in Israel it ceased—

Until I arose, Deborah,
I arose, a mother in Israel.

⁸ God chose new [leaders],
war came to the city gates,
and not a shield or spear was seen
among forty thousand in Israel.

⁹ My heart is with Israel's princes,
with the willing volunteers among the people
Praise the LORD!

¹⁰ You who ride on tawny donkey,
You who sit on saddle blankets,
and you who walk along the road, consider

¹¹ Amid the sound of shepherds
at the watering places
They recite the righteous acts of the LORD,
the righteous acts of his villagers in Israel.

VERY POSITIVE
VIEW OF ISRAEL.
THEY ARE
OFFERING
THEMSELVES TO
THE LORD.

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THE CALL
OF BARAK
AND WORDS
FROM THE
LORD.

⁶ She sent for Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you: "Go, take with you ten thousand men of Naphtali and Zebulun and lead the way to Mount Tabor. ⁷ I will lure Sisera, the commander of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his troops to the Kishon River and give him into your hands.' "

⁸ Barak said to her, "If you go with me, I will go; but if you don't go with me, I won't go."

⁹ Very well," Deborah said, "I will go with you. But because of the way you are going about this, the honor will not be yours, for the LORD will hand Sisera over to a woman."

So Deborah went with Barak to Kedesh, ¹⁰ where he summoned Zebulun and Naphtali. Ten thousand men followed him, and Deborah also went with him.

Then the people of the LORD went down to the city gates.

¹² Wake up, wake up, Deborah!
Wake up, wake up, break out in song!
Arise, O Barak!
Take captive your captives, O son of Abinoam.

¹³ Then the survivors went down against the nobles;
the people of the LORD went down with me against the mighty.

¹⁴ Some came from Ephraim,
whose roots were in Amalek;
Benjamin was with the people who followed you.
From Makir captains came down,
from Zebulun those who bear a commander's staff.

¹⁵ The princes of Issachar were with Deborah;
Yes, Issachar was with Barak,
rushing after him into the valley.
In the districts of Reuben there was much searching of heart.

¹⁶ Why did you stay among the campfires to hear the whistling for the flocks?
In the districts of Reuben there was much searching of heart.

¹⁷ Gilead stayed beyond the Jordan.
And Dan, why did he linger by the ships?
Asher remained on the seacoast and stayed in his coves.

¹⁸ The people of Zebulun risked their very lives

LOTS OF DETAIL
AROUND WHO
CAME AND
FOUGHT, AND
WHO STAYED
BEHIND.

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DETAILS OF THE ENEMY
DOESN'T ALWAYS FORM PART
OF THE SONG!

¹¹ Now Heber the Kenite had left the other Kenites, the descendants of Hobab, Moses' brother-in-law, and pitched his tent by the great tree in Zaanannim near Kedesh.

¹² When they told Sisera that Barak son of Abinoam had gone up to Mount Tabor,

¹³ Sisera gathered together his nine hundred iron chariots and all the men with him, from Harosheth Haggoyim to the Kishon River.

¹⁴ Then Deborah said to Barak, "Go! This is the day the LORD has given Sisera into your hands. Has not the LORD gone ahead of you?" So Barak went down Mount Tabor, followed by ten thousand men.

¹⁵ At Barak's advance, the LORD routed Sisera and all his chariots and army by the sword, and Sisera abandoned his chariot and fled on foot.

¹⁶ But Barak pursued the chariots and army as far as Haroshet Haggoyim. All the troops of Sisera fell by the sword; not a man was left.

¹⁷ Sisera, however, fled on foot to the tent of Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite, because there there were friendly relations between Jabin king of Hazor and the clan of Heber the Kenite.

¹⁸ Jael went out to meet Sisera and said to him, "Come, my lord, come right in. Don't be afraid." So he entered her tent, and she put a covering over him.

so did Naphtali on the heights of the field

¹⁹ "Kings came, they fought;
the kings of Canaan fought;
At Taanach by the waters of Megiddo,
they carried off no silver, no plunder.

²⁰ From the heavens the stars fought,
from their courses they fought against Sisera.

²¹ The river Kishon swept them away,
the age-old river, the river Kishon.
March on, my soul; be strong!

²² Then pounded the horses' hoofs—
Rearing wildly his mighty steeds.

²³ Curse Meroz, said the angel of the LORD.
'Curse its people bitterly,
because they did not come to help the LORD,
to help the LORD against the mighty.'

²⁴ Most blessed of women be Jael,
the wife of Heber the Kenite,
most blessed of tent-dwelling women.

IN THE SONG WE
GET TOLD THAT
SOMETHING IS
GOOD.

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¹⁹ "I'm thirsty," he said. "Please give me some water." She opened a skin of milk, gave him a drink, and covered him up.

²⁰ "Stand in the doorway of the tent," he told her. "If someone comes by and asks you, 'Is anyone here?' say 'No.' "

²¹ But Jael, Heber's wife, picked up a tent peg and a hammer and went quietly to him while he lay fast asleep, exhausted. She drove the peg through his temple into the ground, and he died.

²² Barak came by in pursuit of Sisera, and Jael went out to meet him. "Come," she said, "I will show you the man you're looking for." So he went in with her, and there lay Sisera with the tent peg through his temple—dead.

²³ On that day God subdued Jabin, the Canaanite king, before the Israelites. ²⁴ And the hand of the Israelites grew stronger and stronger against Jabin, the Canaanite king, until they destroyed him.
^{5:31c} Then the land had peace for forty years.

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²⁵ He asked for water,
and she gave him milk;
in a bowl fit for nobles
she brought him curdled milk.

²⁶ Her hand reached for the tent peg,
he her right hand for the workman's hammer.
She struck Sisera, she crushed his head,
she shattered and pierced his temple.
²⁷ At her feet he sank, he fell, he lay;
Where he sank, there he fell—plundered.

} SMALL EXTRA
DETAILS

²⁸ "Through the window peered Sisera's mother;
behind the lattice she cried out,
'Why is his chariot so long in coming?
Why is the clatter of his chariots delayed?' "
²⁹ The wisest of her ladies answers her;
But she answers herself,
³⁰ 'Are they not finding and dividing the spoils:
A girl or two for each man,
colorful garments as plunder for Sisera,
colorful garments embroidered,
highly embroidered garments
for the neck of the spoiler?'
³¹ "So may all your enemies perish, O LORD!
But may they who love you be like the sun
when it rises in its strength."

} DETAILS OF SISERA'S
MOTHER WAITING
FOR HIM TO RETURN.

