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Judges 4 - A Smashing Salvation
(title borrowed from Dale Ralph Davis)

I. Deborah and Barak

A. The Marks of Israel's Canaanization (v. 1)

1. A time reference
2. A formulaic expression

B. God's Agent of Punishment (v. 2)

1. The Lord sold Israel
2. Jabin, king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor
 - a. A dynastic name
 - b. A geographic advantage
 - c. A formidable army

C. Israel's Response to the Oppression (v. 3)

1. Two causal clauses
 - a. 900 chariots of iron
 - b. 20 years of oppression
2. Israel cried to the Lord for help

D. God's Agent of Deliverance (vv. 4-10)

1. A prophetic agent (vv. 4-5)
2. The commissioning of Barak (vv. 6-7)
3. The hesitation of Barak (v. 8)
4. The promise of divine presence (v. 9)
5. The call to arms (v. 10)

E. God's Gift of Deliverance From Oppression (vv. 11-22)

1. A complication in the plot (v. 11)
2. The defeat of the enemy army (vv. 12-16)
3. The assassination of Sisera (vv. 17-22)

F. God's Gift of Security (v. 23-24)

II. The Poetic Celebration (Judges 5) (*next time*)

III. Lessons

- A. We all have a desperate need for salvation.
- B. There is only one source of that salvation.
- C. This road on which we travel will not lead to our glory.
- D. Don't overlook the minutiae of salvation.