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DEBORAH AND BARAK***

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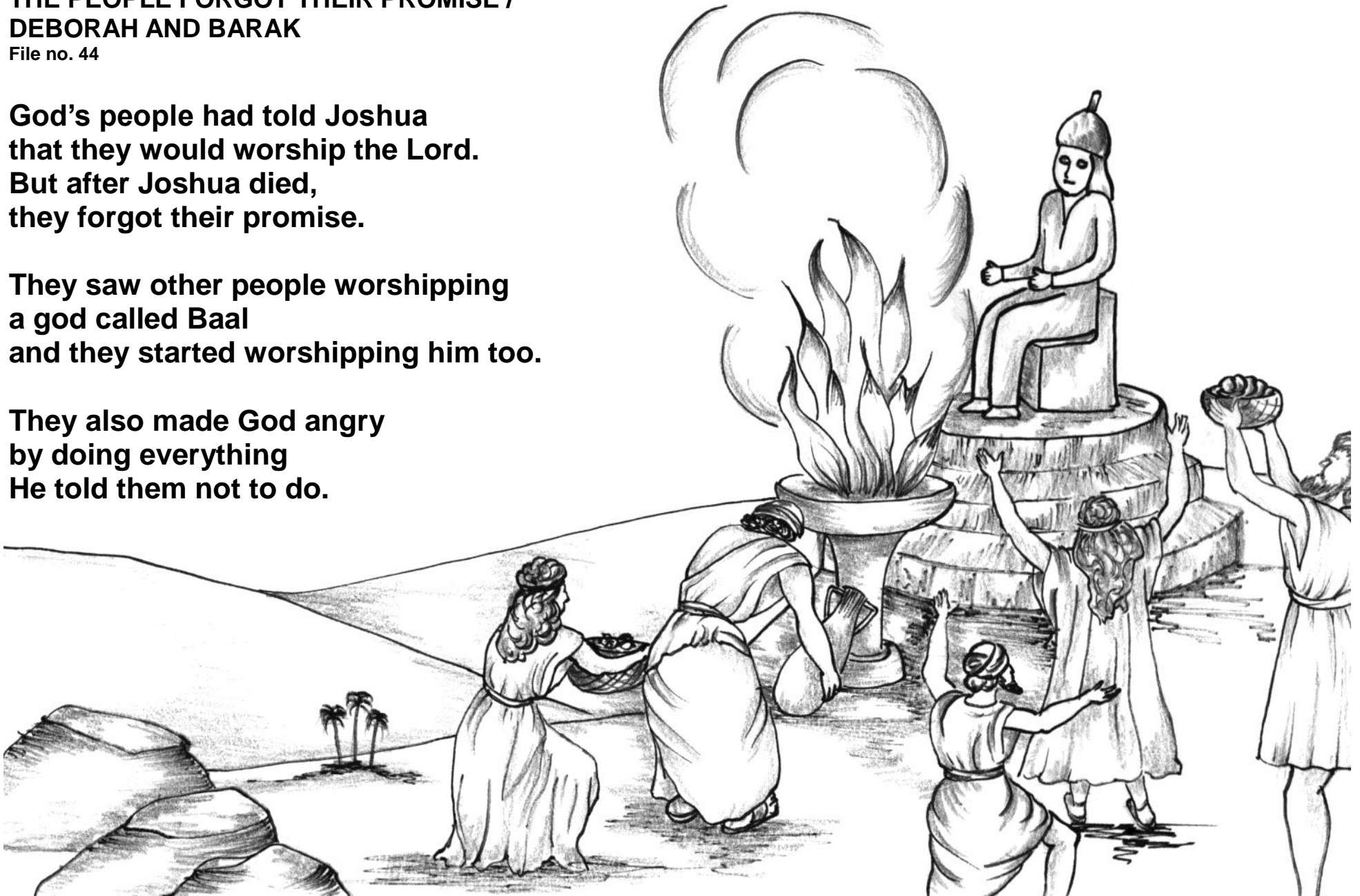
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**God's people had told Joshua
that they would worship the Lord.
But after Joshua died,
they forgot their promise.**

**They saw other people worshipping
a god called Baal
and they started worshipping him too.**

**They also made God angry
by doing everything
He told them not to do.**



**God let robbers come
and steal their possessions.
They were left weak and poor.**

**Then one day
God's people remembered God
and cried out to Him.**

**He gave them a judge
to save them.**



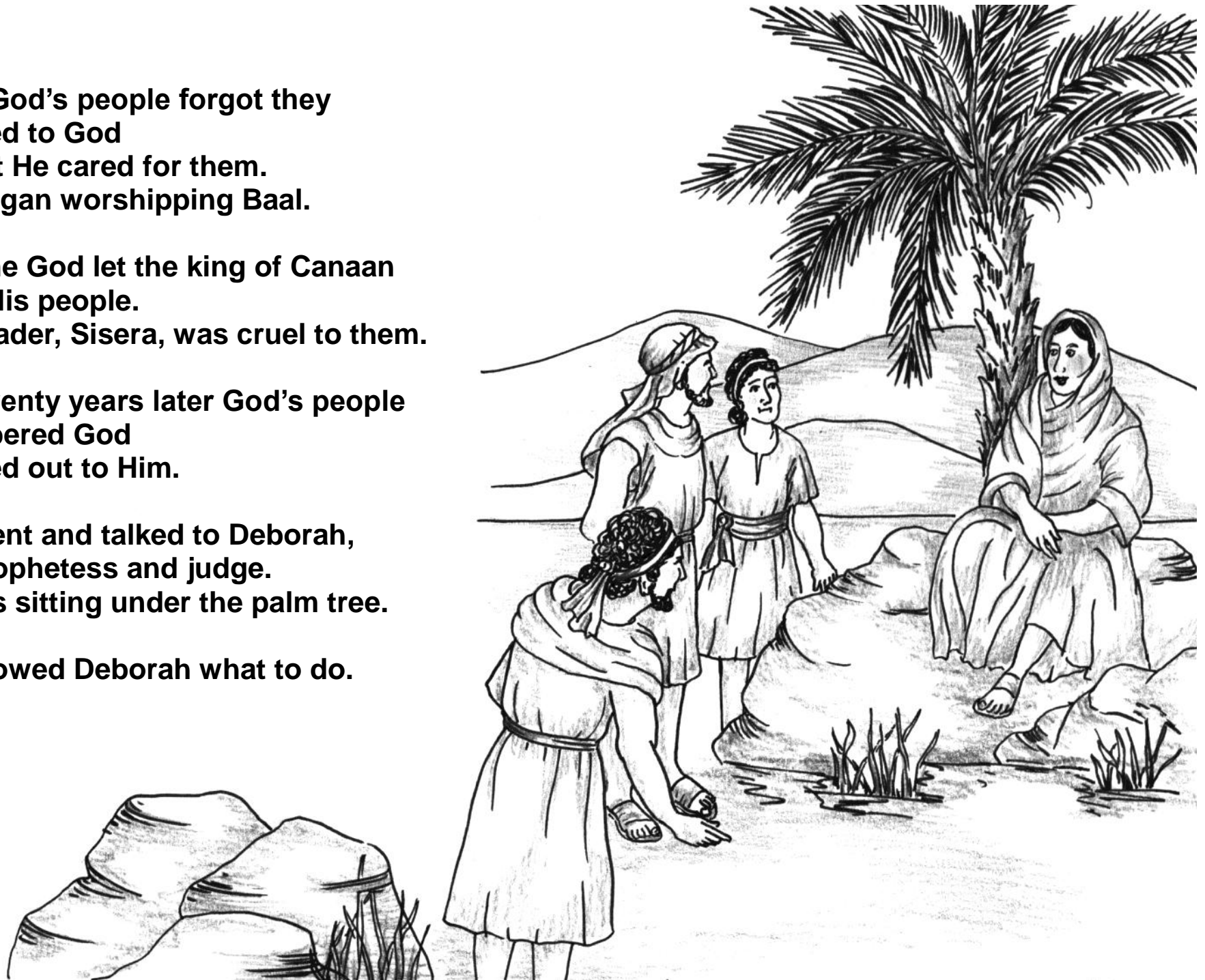
**Again, God's people forgot they
belonged to God
and that He cared for them.
They began worshipping Baal.**

**This time God let the king of Canaan
defeat His people.
Their leader, Sisera, was cruel to them.**

**Then twenty years later God's people
remembered God
and cried out to Him.**

**They went and talked to Deborah,
their prophetess and judge.
She was sitting under the palm tree.**

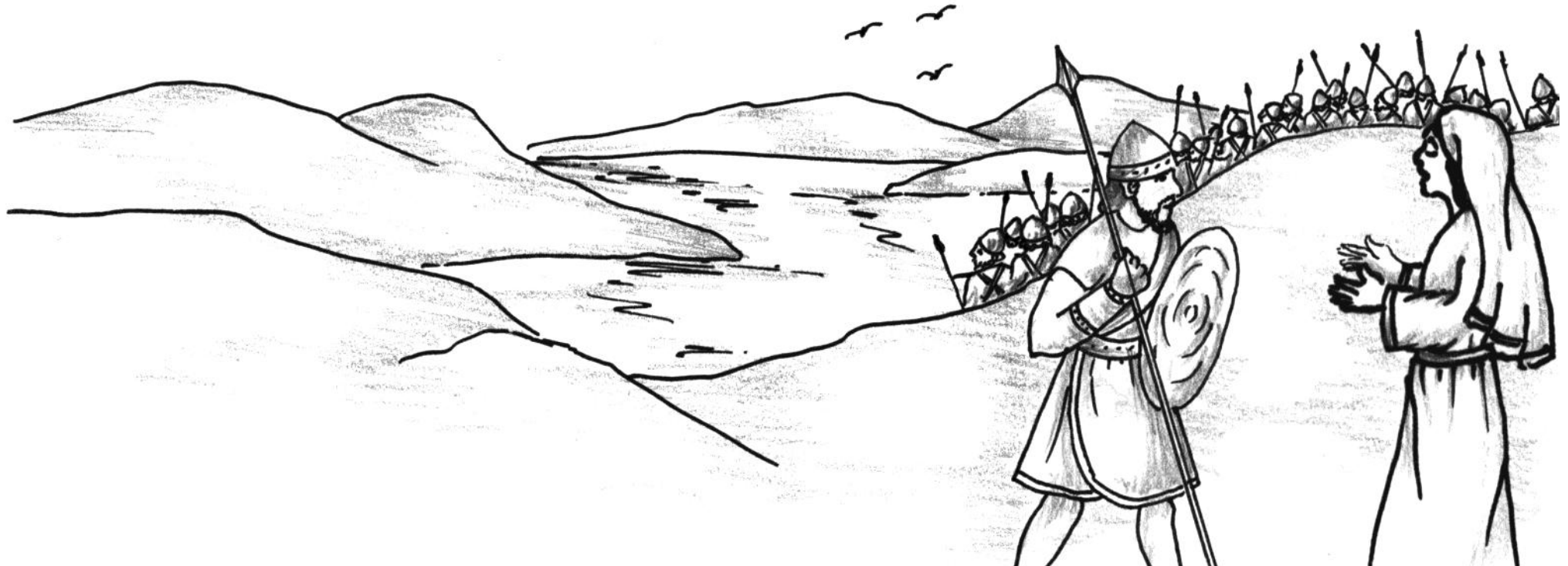
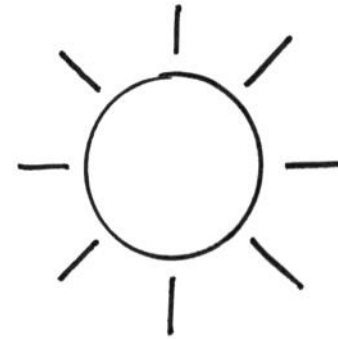
God showed Deborah what to do.



**Deborah said to Barak,
'The Lord says to you,
"Get an army ready for battle at Mount Tabor.
He is going to bring Sisera, your enemy, to you.
He is going to help you defeat him."'**

**Barak was ready to obey God,
but he would not go unless Deborah went with him.**

**So Barak took his soldiers
and waited at Mount Tabor.**



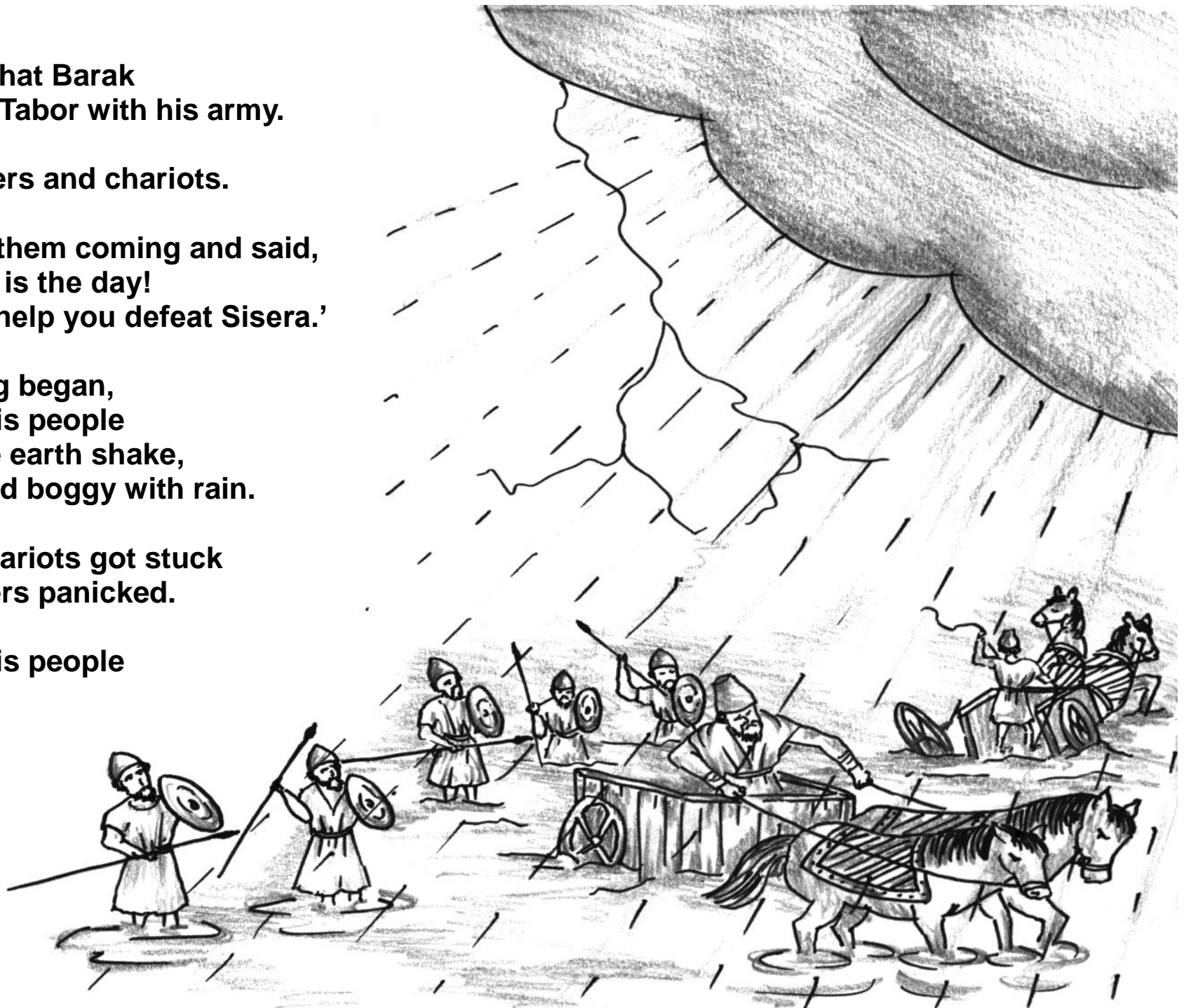
**Sisera heard that Barak
was at Mount Tabor with his army.
He came
with his soldiers and chariots.**

**Deborah saw them coming and said,
'Barak! Today is the day!
The Lord will help you defeat Sisera.'**

**As the fighting began,
God helped His people
by making the earth shake,
and the ground boggy with rain.**

**The enemy chariots got stuck
and the soldiers panicked.**

**God helped His people
defeat them.**



**But Sisera jumped out of his chariot
and ran away.
He ran and ran as far as he could.**

**Then he saw a lady called Jael
standing by her tent saying,
'Come and rest here.'**

**Sisera was exhausted.
He went into her tent and said,
'Watch the door.
Don't let anyone know I'm here.'**

**He lay down and went to sleep.
But while he slept, Jael killed him.**



**God saved His people
from their enemy
and gave them peace in the land.**

**Deborah and Barak
gave thanks to God
and sang a song of praise to Him.**

