

cause that Sisera come and encamp in the valley below. I will deliver him into your hands". It is easy to see how He will do it,- He will send the rain. And when the rain comes, a real rain, and Sisera is there, Sisera is wrecked, he is at their mercy.

Well, it is a very clever scheme, and during the Middle Ages at one time it was tried. There was a large group of foot-soldiers that tried the same thing. It was in the season when it ordinarily rains in Palestine. These men went to Mt. Tabor and they took their stand up there; they figured that the better equipped army against them would come there with their horses and be at their mercy when the rain came. And the better-equipped army came and took its stand there in the plain of Esdrael, and no rain came and the soldiers had to come down from Mt. Tabor eventually,- either stay up there and starve, or come down and be at the mercy of the cavalry down below. The whole plan failed because it did not rain.

Now, Barak may have said, If the Lord spoke through Deborah, if the Lord said this is going to happen, then of course it is true. But after all, how do I know the Lord spoke through Deborah. Deborah is a pretty clever woman, you know; this is a clever scheme she has worked out. She has been watching weather conditions for many years, she has observed conditions, and she knows that right at this time of year you are almost sure to get a big rain storm. That is a pretty clever idea, but suppose it doesn't work this year. Maybe this will be the exception. And then you notice what she said first: she said that the Lord said, I will draw to thee to the river Kishon Sisera the captain of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitudes. Well, now Deborah is a very good judge of human nature, and Deborah has been observing Sisera's activities for many years, and she knows that Sisera is an impetuous sort of a man. He always strikes hard at a thing immediately, and he has been very fortunate and has