

Well, I am willing to take a chance. Even if Deborah gets the credit, I will get some of the credit, and I am willing to take that chance, rather than to risk my reputation on it being wrong. "The Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman". But yet, when you go on into the chapter, you find that was not what the words really meant. What they really mean, we find, is that Sisera is not going to be killed by Barak,- Sisera is going to be killed by Jael, the wife of Heber.

Well, that is a strange sort of a prediction. I like to call it, not an "organic prediction", but an "incidental prediction". That is to say, I consider the "organic predictions" of the Scripture those predictions in which the Lord shows how He is going to advance the work of His kingdom. He is going to send the rain, He is going to cause Sisera to come to this place and make this mistake, He is going to deliver Sisera and his army into the hands of Barak and his men and it will deliver the Israelites from them. But this is an "incidental prediction", because after all, if the Canaanite army is destroyed, what great difference does it make what happens to Sisera. If his horse is gone, there is nothing he can do anyway. Supposing it all works out as Deborah said it would. Well, you might say, Sisera is there with his army, the Israelites rush upon them and Sisera is killed; or they see Sisera and they take him prisoner; or the horses begin jumping around and trying to escape in the marsh and one of them kicks Sisera and he is killed by the horses. Or let us suppose that Sisera escapes from the battle and Sisera flees and he gets away home, he will be a disgraced man the rest of his life. He won't accomplish anything,- what difference does it make? Now, who could ever tell that none of these things would happen? Deborah might conceivably be a right good judge of weather conditions and a good judge of Sisera's