

the earth trembled, and the heavens dropped, the clouds also dropped water". They saw the clouds coming, they saw the rain beginning: and Deborah said, "Up, for this is the day in which the Lord hath delivered Sisera into thy hand: is not the Lord gone out before thee?" Don't you see the signs of God's presence in His activity, the clouds are gathering, the rain beginning? So Barak went down from Mt. Tabor, with his 10,000 men, and the Lord discomfited Sisera and his chariots by making them helpless by sending the rain. And if you don't think that is clear in chapter 4, again read on in chapter 5; in the song of praise which they sang you read in vs. 19: "The kings came and fought, then fought the kings of Canaan in Taanach by the waters of Megiddo; they took no gain of money. They fought from heaven; the stars in their courses fought against Sisera. The river Kishon swept them away, that ancient river, the river Kishon." And vs. 22 tells about the horses: "Then were the horsehoofs broken by the means of the prancings, the prancings of their mighty ones". The horses caught in the mire as the river Kishon sweeps them away and makes them helpless before the force of the Israelites.

And so we read in vs. 15 that Sisera left his chariot and fled away while the rest of them were being killed. Barak pursued after the chariots and after the host and all the host of Sisera fell upon the edge of the sword and there was not a man left. But Sisera fled and came to the tent of Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite. Heber happened to be away, and Jael did this very strange thing for an Arab woman. When you travel in Palestine on horseback and come to an Arab village and want to know which way to go, it is always nice if you come in the afternoon; there is no woman visible and the men are sitting out under the trees smoking and you go up to them and ask them the way and they will tell you very courteously and show you just how to go. They are very interested in seeing strangers