

It would if God really spoke to Deborah. It would if Deborah made some first-class guesses. As it turned out, that's the way ~~it~~ it happened.

Now the average reader reading this does not realize that that was the strategy and that's what happened. But it is perfectly clear when you look at the \_\_\_\_\_. Because they were up on the mountain and it says that when they told Sisera that Barak had gone up to Mount Tabor, Sisera gathered together his 900 ~~men~~ iron chariots == everybody knew that and you could see these 10,000 men up there on the mountain and they could not take positions up there and last many weeks; they may last a little while == he saw them up there. Everybody knew it/ Sisera heard it, and Sisera gathered his 900 chariots and all the men with him and he came there to the Kishom River

The next v. says, Then Deborah said to Barak, Go! This is the day the Lord has given Sisera into your hands. Has not the Lord gone ahead of you?" How many ordinary readers of this ch. have any idea what this means? "Has not the Lord gone ahead of you." But in the context it is perfectly clear that Barak could look up and see the top of the mountain. He could see the storm beginning to come from the south, and he knew that rain was about to come. He knows that if they start to come down the mountain that by the time they got to the bottom, his chariots would be mired. His wheels would be unable to go through the mire. His horses would be unable to go. They would fall all over, and they will be in panic and be easy prey.

So Barak went down from Mt. Tabor, followed by 10,000 men, and the Lord routed Sisera and all his chariots and army by the sword, and Sisera abandoned his chariot and fled on foot. Now in case anyone should question this that this is the true interpretation of the strategy, we simply look at the references to it in verse(chapter?) 5. She said, Has not the Lord gone before you?

Look at ch. 5:4, "O Lord when you went out from Seir, (that part to the south of Palestine), when you marched from the land of Edom, the earth shook, the heavens poured, the clouds poured down water." God came by sending a tremendous big storm with a great deal of rain. That's what happened. The result of what happened was shown in vv.20-22. "From the heavens the stars fought, from their courses they fought against Sisera." Now this is a figurative expression. It doesn't mean that astrology is what told them what happened. The stars are a figurative expression for the forces of nature. From the heavens the forces of nature fought against Sisera.

"The river Kishon swept them away, the age-old river, the river Rishon." March on, my soul, be strong! . . . Then thundered the horses' hoofs--galloping, balloping fo his mighty steeds." I don't know that galloping is a good translation, but it shows the horses with their feet going up and down, up and down trying to get out of their being bogged in the mire. So here we have the organic prophecy of what would happen, and you have the fulfillment of the strategy as we see it worked out.