

Well, you notice that it happened exactly as she predicted. Barak sent word to the people of Zebulun and Naphtali, we read in verse 10, and he got 10,000 men and he went with them and Deborah went with him. Then in verse 11 we read of the preparation made for the later events. That Heber the Kenite had left the Kenites and had pitched his tent in the plain of Zaanaim by Kedesh. Hardly likely Deborah would have known that, and if she did know it, she would have no reason in the world to think Sisera would happen to flee in that direction.

And they showed Sisera that Barak the son of Abinoam was gone up to Mt. Tabor. People came up to Sisera and they said, These Israelites are raising an insurrection. 10,000 of them are up on Mt. Tabor, they are making their signs there, and people all over the land will hear of it. There will be 100,000 coming together pretty soon. You had better come up with your chariots and destroy this little group here, and cut them off from any others who may come. And so Sisera impetuously, exactly as she predicted, gathered his 900 chariots of iron, and the people with him, and he rushes down here to the river Kishon.

Then in verse 14, one day when they were up there on the mountain, where they are safe as long as they stay up there but they can't stay very long,- in verse 14 Deborah said to Barak, "Up; for this is the day in which the Lord hath delivered Sisera into thine hand: is not the Lord gone out before thee?" What did she mean? - "Is not the Lord gone out before thee?" Well, if you want to know what she means, turn over to the beautiful song of praise they gave after the victory (ch. 5):

Then sang Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam on that day, saying "Praise ye the Lord for the avenging of Israel - - - (vs. 4) Lord, when thou wentest out of Seir, when thou marchedst out of the field of Edom,