

if a big sudden rain storm comes. But this does not happen often. During the Middle Ages there was a group which tried this strategy. They took a sizeable group and went up Mt. Tabor at the time of year when sudden rain storms were apt to occur and that way they attracted to them the opposing army, and they camped there by the River Kishon and they figured that once a storm comes they will be absolutely helpless and we^{afout} can destroy them easily, but the rain did not come. And the result was they had to give up and go down and they themselves were annihilated. So Barak says, This sounds like a mighty good strategy.

First, before we note that he thought it was good strategy, let's note that that is what actually happened. You go down to vs. 13 and you notice that Sisera gathered together all his troops = 900 chariots of iron to the river Kishon, and vs. 14 Deborah said to Barak, Up. ^{for this} ~~for this~~ as the day that the Lord hath delivered Sisera into thine hand: is not the Lord gone out before thee?" What does that mean? That means, don't you see the storm coming? Don't you see the big clouds there which you don't often see in that area? Don't you see the rain beginning to pour ~~down~~ down. Now is the chance. Has not the Lord gone out before thee?

Now somebody says, That's reading into chapter 4. We don't find that in ch. 4. Well, we have those words. What do they mean? If you want to find out look at ch. 5. In ch. 5 you have the song of victory of D. and B. In their song of victory they refer to how the Lord went out. Vs. 4 says, Lord when thou wentest out of Seir, when thou marchedst out of the field of Edom, the earth trembled, and the heavens dropped, the clouds also dropped water." There you have your rain definitely described there and what it meant when the Lord went. Then go over to vs. 20 and you read there about the victory: "They fought from heaven; the stars in their courses fought against Sisera." In other words natural circumstances intervened. It was not purely the action of the Israelites. What were they? Vs. 21, The river of Kishon swept them