

was years ago. He's older now. Maybe he's learned caution. Maybe he's more careful. Maybe now instead of doing the natural obvious thing and coming to the river and camping there, he'll put a few people there and put others all the way around the mountain. Or maybe he'll come to the homes and harass the families and make it necessary for the men to come down defend their own families. How do I know that Siser's character is still going to be this? Deborah does not know Sisera personally but of course anyone is Sisera's position, all kinds of stories spread about him. She's been hearing these stories for years. Doubtless/^{her judgment}of what his character used to be is correct. Maybe it still is. But, he says, I am not going to put my reputation on it. Now if I go and do this and it's wrong, I'm a terrible failure, a colossal failure, I'm the cause of my nation's being wrecked. But, he says, if Deborah goes, everybody knows it's her plan, not mine. Then he says, If we succeed there is plenty of glory for both of us. So I'm perfectly content to let her have the major glory, so long as we are delivered. If it fails, I'll probably be killed and there will be a terrible disaster, but she'll get the blame for it. I won't get the blame, I'm merely doing what she says. So, he says, If thou wilt go with me then I will go, but if thou wilt not go with me then I will not go.

(Student: Did you say an organic prophecy?)

I's my own term but it fits a certain element of meaning. That is, God says I'm going to do certain things which will produce certain results. It's an organic prophecy, a prophecy of the method God will use in accomplishing His great purposes. If I say, give something that is quite incidental, if I say the next 3 people that come down the road are going to all have red noses, well, that does not accomplish anything. That does not explain how anything is going to be done. It might be evidence that I can make a prediction of the future, that's all. That would be inorganic. But organic is the way in which he's going to accomplish his great purposes. He says, the flood is coming. That's organic.