

way to say it, isn't it? We would say, "The Lord has commanded -- the Lord has sent you command", but she expresses it in this way. "Has not the Lord commanded?" She is the prophetess, God has given the message to her. "Has not the Lord God of Israel commanded, saying, Go and draw towards Mt. Tabor and take with thee 10,000 men of the children of Naphtali and the children of Zebulon". Well, Mt. Tabor is the great watch-tower mountain in Northern Palestine; it is not so extremely high, but it is quite steep, and you can see it from all over Palestine. It stands up there, oh not too steep to go up fairly easily, but it stands up there really sharply, and you can see it from way across the Jordan, you can see it from far south in Palestine. It is the place where they put up the beacon lights to summon the people or to send out news with signals. It is a very conspicuous place.

Now suppose 10,000 Israelites go up to Mt. Tabor,- what is going to happen? Immediately the Cannanites are going to know about it, there is nothing secret about this, this is a declaration of war, it is putting themselves in danger for 10,000 men to go up there on Mt. Tabor. You just let Sisera hear of that, and 900 chariots of iron rushing against those foot-soldiers will cut them down and tear them to pieces. Yes, but they are up on the side of the mountain, they can't get at them. The horses and the chariots can't go up the mountain. No, but they can stay at the bottom of the mountain, and they could watch and the moment they came down they can attack them. They will run out of food pretty soon and will have to come down. Or maybe they will not do that at all,- maybe while they are gone they will go and attack their homes and ravish their families and take away their possessions, and then they will have to come back from Mt. Tabor and go home and try to save something, the little that has been left after the oppression by the Cannanites. What a silly thing