

character, but she wouldn't know that Sisera would not be kicked by a horse and wouldn't be killed by the Israelites and wouldn't be taken a prisoner, but would escape, and that when he escaped he would not flee in this direction, or in this direction, or this one, but as he rushed to try to get away he would go in this direction. And she would not know that the direction in which he went would take him right down where Heber the Kenite was camped. And she would not know that when Sisera got there, Heber the Kenite would be away from home. And Deborah couldn't know that when he came and Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite was there and saw him coming, that Jael instead of running and hiding from this strange man as most Arab women would do under those circumstances today in Palestine, that she would boldly step out and meet him and speak to him, that she would pretend to be his friend and bring him into the tent and hide him there and then give him a sleeping potion to drink, and when he was asleep drive the tent-peg into his head and kill him. Nobody could have humanly possibly imagined that all these things would happen this way, and yet they are all contained in that incidental prediction, "The Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman." From the organic viewpoint of the progress of God's kingdom, everything given before is tremendously important, but as a matter of fact it could have been guessed, and if it was guessed you would say she was a good judge of human nature, a good judge of weather conditions, and it worked out the way she said. She was fortunate. But this is a guess which has too many possibilities to the contrary for it to have happened that way. This is something which shows a knowledge far beyond what any human being could possibly have had, even though it is not organic in the sense that it makes much difference to the progress of God's kingdom, or to the deliverance of Israel.