

no iron. They had the horses to draw these chariots, the Israelites did not have horses, they had larger number of Israelites that could be held in subjection by the technology of these people of Hazor, and the Israelites were oppressed for twenty years. And in that situation one day, we read in verse 6, that Deborah called Barak and she said to Barak, Hath not the Lord God of Israel commanded, saying, Go and draw toward mount Tabor, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulun? And I will draw unto thee to the river Kishon Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude; and I will deliver him into thine hand.

And I am sure that Barak immediately thought (4 $\frac{1}{2}$)

There is mount Tabor in this centrally located place in Palestine, it stands right up like a watchtower would, a sharp point, ~~it comes~~^{ing} down on both sides, way over across (4 3/4) , way south of Palestine, way north of the northern end of Galilee, you can see mount Tabor. There are other mountains in between and some of them higher, they're not so conspicuous, and this is so placed that it just stands out. Let him take, let Barak take ten thousand men, without chariots of iron, without horses, which they didn't have, but yet men, able-bodied men, let him take them to mount Tabor, and what would happen. Well, ~~since there~~ Sisera would know about it immediately and here would be all these Israelites up there on mount Tabor and Sisera would naturally immediately take his chariots of iron, and his charioteers, and he would rush to the spot, but what could Sisera do (5 $\frac{1}{2}$)

Barak, because Barak would be up on the slopes of the mountains, and up there on the slopes of the mountains there is Barak with his ten thousand men and Sisera with his smaller number of men couldn't possibly climb up the mountain and fight Barak. Barak's men would be above, they could throw things down on them, if they started to come up, there were many more of Barak's men than there were of Sisera's men, Barak's men would win, wouldn't they? No, they wouldn't. Because all Sisera had to do is leave them there. He could put his chariots around the mountain, he could watch it so they can't come down, and so they would starve to death. Once they come down the chariots and horses could rush into them, destroy them. But they don't even have to do that. They could leave a few chariots around, protecting, guarding