

been able to guess that when the battle came and all those men were killed, one man would get away, and that man was Sisera. And so no one of the ten thousand men would capture Sisera or would kill him, no one (3 3/4) there. Chances were ten thousand to one that it would be one of them rather than Deborah, chances were a million to one because she probably didn't actually participate. But nobody could predict that out of all these charioteers and all these fighters Sisera was the only one that would get away. And I'm sure Sisera never dreamed of planning where he's run in case they were defeated. <sup>If</sup> He was foolish enough to bring his whole army up to this <sup>plain</sup> ~~place~~, he was so confident of victory that the thought of looking for a direction to run never occurred to him, and Sisera might have run this way, this way, this way, this way, it probably depended on where he happened to be when he saw there was no hope and just gave it up and ran. He just ran wildly to get away. Nobody could tell them that Sisera would be the one man to get away, or that Sisera would run in this particular direction. And we read here, not that this was where Jael regularly lived but Heber the Kenite had severed himself from the Kenites and pitched his tent down here. This man had moved around, living here and there, he had moved with his family into this place and he was not an Israelite. He wasn't involved in this battle. His family were friends with the people of Hazor, and they happened to be over here in the direction Sisera happened to run, and if Sisera got there and Heber was there and he was in friendly relations with the people of Hazor, Heber might easily have said, to think, to hide this man Sisera or to get my own donkey that's, he can't run fast but at least he can make progress, and put him on it and give him a head start and find a means of rescuing him and getting him back to Hazor, the people of Hazor will be my friends for life. But Heber wasn't there, and Heber's wife sees this dishevelled man come running and she is in a terrible situation. Over there in the orient it is not a good thing for a woman to be with a strange man without her husband around. I used to find over in Palestine, when we were travelling around there on horseback, and we would come to a little village along in the middle of the afternoon it was very hard if you wanted to know directions to the next place because the men were all sitting around under the trees (6¼)

we would tell them we'd like to know the way to