

on spears. ~~x20000~~ 10,000 men would simply be annihilated. So it would seem to be a silly thing to tell Barak to do except she went on and said, God said, "I will lure Sisera, the commander of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his troops to the Kishom River, and give him into your hands."

Well now if you've been there in that part of N.W. Palestine you are familiar with that Kishom ~~plain~~ plain there at the end of which stands Mt. Tabor, not the highest Mt. in the land of Israel but a very high one, and one which happens to be so situated ~~da==~~ so situated that you can see it from almost any part of the country. It stands out like a watchtower, like a beacon. If a large group of people went up that mountain it would be quite obvious from any part of the land that that's what happened.

If they went up that mountain, Sisera would have to do something of course. There would be no question that he knew they were there. These 10,000 people. What would he do? There are various things he could do. She said, God said, I will lure Sisera and with his chariots and his troops to the Kishon R. and give him into your hands. There at the foot of Mt. Tabor is a rather flat marshy plain. Through that plain flows the little Kishon R., a rather small and insignificant stream. But you get a big rainstorm, a big ~~downpour~~ downpour there. These downpours come occasionally, usually it's pretty dry there. But you get a big downpour and the land around the Kishon becomes ~~water-----~~ water           . The water of the river overflows its banks, and the area is very marshy.

Forces that could easily dash across that ~~plain~~ plain and subdue ~~==~~ horses that could dash across that plain and easily subdue a large number of people, when you get them into marshy conditions like that, would be absolutely sunk in the mire. Their legs would sink in the mire, they would fall over and be absolutely helpless. The 2,000 men who would be trying to get the horses to the chariots to move in would be ~~very~~ easily overcome by 10,000 men.

So ~~Barak~~ Barak thought this is a pretty good strategy which she has suggested. A very good strategy. She said, God said, I will lure Sisera to that place. Barak thought, Well, Sisera is a rather impetuous fellow. This is a much nicer place to encamp than any other place in the area. A careful person would not go in there and make camp because of the danger of such a storm even if it might be only in once in two or three years! He would be aware of the possibility and afraid of it.

So God said, I will lure Sisera to do this thing. Then she said, God said I will give him into your hands. In other words God said, I will send a storm such that your footmen without the modern equipment that Sisera has will find ~~xxx~~ all this absolutely at your mercy and you can simply destroy them and can free the Israelites from the oppression of Jabin.

Barak thought, That's a very good suggestion if it works! Deborah is a very keen minded woman. She's been observing weather conditions for years. She may be able to make a better guess about