

During the Middle Ages there was an army in Palestine which decided to follow the same strategy. They went up Mt. Tabor. They went up there and waited, but the rain didn't come! And the enemy was below watching for them, and the result was that when they ran out of food they had to go down, and they were annihilated! It's a wonderful strategy if the storm would come at the right time and the enemy go to the particular area where they could be so easily annihilated.

The last half of ch. 4 tells us what happened to Sisera. You're all familiar with what happened there. After all what great difference does it make what happened to Sisera? He wasn't even king. He was the leading general. He was general of these troops and most of the rest of the army were killed, but we read he escaped. Earlier in the ch. we read that a certain bedouin had moved his tent over to an area which was not many miles from this place. This bedouin was moved from living there then where he had been six months before. He had his tent there, he and his wife Jael stayed in it. He could go off and do his hunting while she was in the home.

In 1929 I traveled with a group on horseback in the back country of Palestine which was not ~~x~~ so much built up then as it is now. We'd come upon the Arab and Jewish towns. Ofttn it was a question of just where our way lay and we were anxious to ask some local person. We came by one of the Jewish towns ~~were~~ where the Jewish men would be out in their fields and the women would be carrying water and doing other work, and their short skirts and their faces _____ and looking exactly as if they came from the east side of New York. We would step up to them and ask information. They would immediately give it and we'd go on our way.

But it was much harder to get information if you came in the morning to an Arab~~x~~ town. Because if you came to an Arab town in the morning the men were all sleeping late, and the women were out working and they were afraid of their lives to be seen ~~talking~~ to strange men. So they might run and hide if they saw you coming, or if they talked they might give us the wrong directions, anything just to get rid of us. They did not dare risk the anger of their husbands if they saw them talking to some stranger. If you came in the afternoon it was then easier because the women were ~~xxxx~~ then working inside, and the men were out sitting under the trees telling stories and if ~~x~~ you asked them where to go they always found it a welcome diversion and might even go with us part of the way.

But here it so happens that Heber is not in the tent. He's away. Jael sees a strange man coming and she's frightened. He's evidently a soldier and he's got his weapon in his hands and what should she do? Should she run and hide? Should she get out of the way? What shall she do? He asks her to hide him, and now what shall she do? If ~~h~~ she refuses she fears he may kill her. If she agrees and brings him into her tent and her husband comes back and finds a strange man in her tent, she knows her husband will kill her. So she's faced with a problem. And how could Deborah have known that Heber would move his tent to this place, that Sisera would run in this direction, and that when Sisera got there