

a man left." The horses were so completely immobilized through the storm and through the mirey condition of the soil that they were helpless, and 10,000 Israelites against one or two thousand Canaanites, it was very simple to destroy them all, and some of them doubtless were kicked by the horse and lost their lives apart from Israelite actions altogether. Who could predict whether Sisera would be kicked by a horse? Who could predict whether Sisera would be killed by one of the Israelites? Who could predict that whether Sisera would be able to flee away on his feet? Then he fled on his feet. Who could tell what direction he would flee in? His idea was to get away as quick as possible, and I suppose he'd flee in a direction in which there would seem to be less Israelites coming. That might be any direction. Who could predict what direction he would go. Then he fled on his feet to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite, for there was peace between Jabin the king of Haxor and the house of Heber the Kenite. But it just happened that Heber the Kenite was away from home. So as he comes to the place, Jael the wife of Heber looks out and she sees this disheveled man who has been fleeing from the battle coming towards her. She sees him coming and among those bedouins women if they were found by their husbands with another man, he probably would kill her first and ask questions later.

I remember when I travelled horseback through Palestine in 1929 before there were many Israelis there - we would come to an Arab village and we would want to know the directions. If we came in the morning the men were all sleeping, and the women were out getting water and getting things under way for the day's work. And at that time it was absolutely useless to ask for directions, because the women did not dare speak to you, and if you asked one of them for directions they were afraid to keep silence (?) they wanted to get rid of you as fast as they possibly could, so they were more apt to give you the wrong direction than the right one. They'd say any old thing to get rid of you.