

*** They were afraid of their lives, of having their husbands see them have anything to do with strange men. Now if you came in the afternoon, the women were all inside working hard. You could not see any of them. The men were sitting around outside telling stories, and they were glad of a visitor, somebody to talk to. They would chat with you and the chances are one of them would walk with you a ways and help you find the place you wanted. They had not object in misleading you. They were glad to help you. They were friendly and they enjoyed having somebody come by and give them another story to tell the next day, about this person.

(Student: I'm wondering about Sisera's fleeing. Is that the common thing to do, to the captain to the leader of the army, trying to get away? You would think he would stay with his troops unless his troops were trying to get away too.) I'm sure they were trying to get away too. Does it not say in vs. 16, Barak pursued after the chariots, and after the host. I'm sure the troops were trying to get away too, but when MacArthur was surrounded by the Japs and it was very evident that Battan was bound to fall, the government sent orders to him to get into a submarine and flee because the loss of 10,000 troops was a bad loss but there were 10,000 more that could be sent. But a man with MacArthur's knowledge of tactics and strategy and his understanding of how to direct things was simply difficult to find and MacArthur's fleeing there and organizing the continuation of the war, probably meant the Japanese empire was conquered 6 mo. quicker than it could have been without him. So that there is a kind of idea of showing your unity by dying with them, and on the other hand the man who is well trained is worth so much for future that we don't know what the Canaanite ethic was at this time, but my guess is that when the storm came Sisera tried to organize people to fight and then when he saw them descending and everything and everybody else was dying he just got out as fast as he could without thinking. Anyway he did flee. There is another thing. How would Deborah know whether he would flee or whether he would die