

and simply wait for you and attack you when you come down. Here is the river Kishon down there in the valley at the foot of Mt. Tabor and the armies of Sisera go there and make their encampment and they can encamp there as long as they want, and whenever the Israelites come down, they can tear them to peices, unless something happens--unless a tremendous rainstorm comes. When or if a rainstorm should come with all this equipment gathered here in the plain of Esdreleon, and the ground becomes muddy and soggy, these men are simply helpless. The horses get bogged in the mud and the wheels won't go around, and then the 10,000 men could come down and put a complete end to the Canaanite army. The thing to be would be to get all the army together and at that place when it rained were it could be wrecked by a sudden storm. It would be very easy for God to do it, but would He do it? That was the question in the mind of Barak. You find that it happened just as predicted. ~~Six~~ Barak came with his 10,000 men and Sisera, impetuous as he was, instead of waiting where a storm couldn't get him or his men or forcing the people out of the homes, as the men went off to fight but the chance of a rainstorm was so slight, that probably he didn't even think about it, and so he came up there--made his encampment--a tremendous storm of rain came. Sisera and his men were absolutely helpless and the Israelites came rushing down from the hillside and they rushed down and destroyed the army of Sisera--note v. 16. Now this plan work well but in the Middle Ages someone else tried the same plan. There were two hostile forces in this area, and one company went up on top of the mountain and the other group made their encampment at the bottom of the hill, but the rain didn't come and so the ones that went to the top of the mountain were annihilated when they came down. Some people look at this a bit skeptical and wonder if there was rain--v. 7 says that he would deliver these enemies into their hand and then in v. <sup>13</sup> it tells how they all gathered to gether near this river. Deborah tells Barak that the Lord had gone out before him. Does mean that a storm could be seen and it was already beginning to rain. We have no more given in the historical account of the rainstorm in Jud. 4 but when you turn to Jud. 5 you find find that Deborah and Barak sang a song of rejoicing. Cf. v. 4--it mentions that the clouds dropped water. You find that the weather is referred in v. 20--the river Kishon floods and the horses get bogged down in the mud and that is the way that it happened.