

what is going to happen to Sisera. The outcome of the battle was that Sisera was not killed by the Israelite soldiers though all the rest of his men were killed by the Israelites and he wasn't trampled upon--he wasn't killed in the way that many of these other men were killed, neither did he escape from the battle and get to his home to get away to save his own life. He escaped from the battle and happened to run in a certain direction. As he ran in that certain direction, it happened, humanly speaking that Heber, the Kenite had pitched his tent in that area. He was a traveling smith and he was not implicated in their situation and he just happened to be there. And it just happened that Heber was away, and while there Jael, his wife was there. In Palestine, a woman is not in a particularly good situation when she meets a man alone. When I was in Palestine, it was much nicer to travel about in the afternoon rather than in the morning. There would be the men sitting about telling stories and having a good time, and if you asked to get to such and such a village, he would be much interested and tell you how to go and very friendly. If you came in the morning, you wouldn't see any men because they were all sleeping but instead you saw the men rushing about drawing the water and doing the work. And if you would come to her she probably would run away and naturally she would be afraid of what her own folks would do to her if they saw her speaking with a strange man, and if you did talk to her, she would be anxious to get rid of you as fast as she could, and she would be just as apt to give you the wrong direction to get you out of the way. In this particular situation Jael speaks to him though she is afraid of him and she doesn't dare run---she gets him in the tent and then while there, he is so foolish to accept what she gives him, though her husband is away. He doesn't even seem to think what her husband would think if he caught him there and then she gives him a sleeping lotion and then when asleep, she takes a nail of the tent and thus kills him. Who on earth could predict all of this. Deborah, with worldly wisdom might have been able to predict the victory and she could have made a good guess on the rain coming but nobody could have predicted that out of all those men, Sisera would escape and if that he would run in this direction and come to a tent in this situation, and that this woman would do all this, and Sisera would take this chance on being safe -- so the statement which she made, that the Lord would sell Sisera into the hand of a woman, was a statement which was literally fulfilled, which no human being could have predicted. In the organic