

This is not related in the Bible as an example of a godly woman, but is simply an account of what a fearful Kenite woman did to preserve her honor. The point of it is that Deborah's prediction was precisely and exactly fulfilled in a way that no human being could possibly have predicted.

I have called the other two predictions "organic predictions," since they were prophecies of the way in which God would deliver His people. I call this one an "inorganic prediction."

What would happen to Sisera was not particularly important for the deliverance of the Israelites. Once his entire army was gone he might have returned home in disgrace. He might have been killed by the Israelites. He might have been kicked by one of the plunging horses. His fate was not important when his army and his chariots were gone. It was not important that it was a woman who killed him, rather than a man. It did not contribute to the accomplishment of God's work. It is not an organic prediction. It is an inorganic prediction. It is like a sign or seal pointing to the fact that God had predicted things that no human being could possibly have accurately guessed. With careful study of geographical and climatic conditions, and observation of Sisera's activities and character over a long period of years, one might have made a good guess as to what Sisera would do, and as to the fact that a sudden storm might come at this period of the year, and in such a case one could easily predict what the result would be. Someone might easily ask, "Was it God who gave the victory, or was it clever thinking on the part of Deborah?"

#### THE MEANING OF DUNKIRK

In early 1940, a large British force was in France fighting against the Germans. The collapse of the Belgian army enabled the Germans to enter France with irresistible power. Great numbers of British troops were at their mercy.