

Heber wouldn't be around, and Jael would be faced with this great problem. Deborah found a clever, deceitful way to solve it. She promised him protection, she got him into the tent. She gave him some Ovaltine to put him to sleep. He lay there and she came with a tent pin and smashed it through his head so that when her husband came back he could see how she defended her honor, and Heber would not punish her but would be pleased with the clever way she had handled the problem.

Deborah couldn't possibly have known all this. I'm sure that Barak never thought that when she said the Lord will hand Sisera over to a woman, that this is what was meant. But it's clearly what was meant because half the chapter is devoted to telling it. It wouldn't make a tremendous difference because if Sisera lost his 900 chariots and all those people, he would certainly lose his standing in the court of Jabin and would not be much of a factor in the future anyway. It's comparatively unimportant what happens to Sisera. But this is an inorganic prophecy; an incidental prophecy given in order to show that God actually spoke, on that occasion.

Now people are always happy to have deliverances the Lord sends, but the mind of man is deceitful and desperately wicked, and people are only too glad to find some way to attribute it all to natural causes after it is over. In 1940 the British sent a large army over to fight against Hitler. It was feared that Hitler might overrun Belgium and France. A tremendously large British army with equipment was sent over there to France, and they resisted Hitler who had better equipment, better trained. The British had figured that with their Channel in between they didn't need to worry about Hitler anyway. They never dreamed that with the Maginot line there he could possibly get into France, and so they had not prepared.

But now the war came, and they didn't want Hitler to get right to the Channel and be a danger to them and so they sent this large army over the best they had. Then Hitler's force was so great that the Belgium army was ~~was~~ unable to resist him and the capitulated and the German forces crowded in and announced over the radio that in 3 ~~or~~ 4 days all these thousands of British soldiers would be behind ~~barbed~~ barbed wire. There seemed to be absolutely no way of escape! And all the churches in England were filled. There were more people in those churches than had been in them for years! They prayed that God would deliver their nation, and that their soldiers might be rescued and not all captured by Hitler.

The soldiers soldiers crowded into the French port of Dunkirk. They were crowded into that port. The British Air Force was very inferior at that time to the German Air Force. The German troops were coming in and in three or four days they would have them absolutely bottled up there, and could make them all captive. The German Air Force could bomb any ships that would come to carry them out and take them back to England. But the English Channel which is often one of the roughest parts of the pieces of water in the world -- when I was 9 years old I crossed it and I had more sea-sickness on that little crossing than I've had in several ocean ~~crossings~~ crossings put together. It was really rough. It is not always rough but it is very often extremely rough.