

Samson

Samson - 13th Judge

I. Background

- A. 13:1 characteristic of the period of the Judges
- B. 2-5 Promise of a son and the vow
- C. 6-7 Telling her husband
- D. 8-25 Birth of Samson
- E. 25 God Using Him

II. Marriage

- A. 14:1-4 Finding a wife, God had His hand in it
- B. 5-7 Found and killed a lion
- C. 8-9 Finds honey in the carcass and gives it to his parents

III. Revenge on Philistines

- A. 15:3-5 Took over 300 foxes and tied them in pairs, put a lit torch between their tails, and let them loose on the Philistine camp
- B. 6 Did this because (they said) his wife was given over to his companions
- C. 15 Kills 1000 men with a donkey's jawbone

IV. Delilah

- A. 16:1 Finds harlot, lays with her
- B. 2 Plots to kill Samson
- C. 4 Meets and loves Delilah
- D. 5 Plan: entice Samson
- E. 6 1st attempt on his life
- F. 7 Won't give in, gives false answer
- G. 8-9 Doesn't work
- H. 10 She's not happy
- I. 11 New (false) way

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- J. 12 2nd attempt on his life
- K. 13 Another idea - 3rd attempt
- L. 14 Doesn't work
- M. 15 Angry at him
- N. 16 Pressed him daily
 - 1. Matthew 4
 - 2. Psalm 1
- O. 17 Gives in and tells secret
- P. 18 Plan in action
- Q. 19 Cut off his hair = loses strength
- R. 20 Didn't know the Lord had left him
- S. 21 Plucked out his eyes, took and bound him
- T. 22 Hair started to grow
- U. 23 Sacrificed to idol Dagon
- V. 24 Empty praises
- W. 25 Make a sport of Samson
- X. 26 Wants to lean upon pillars
- Y. 27 3000 men and women
- Z. 28 Pleads with God
- AA.29 Regains strength
- BB.30 Literally "brought the house down"
 - 1. Killed more here collectively than in life
 - 2. Killed himself in the process
- CC. 31 Buried with father
- DD. He judged Israel 20 years

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Lessons learned from Samson

1. If you vow to God, keep it.
2. If you're being repeatedly tempted, don't give in!
3. Don't let your previous mistakes derail you from doing good!

Helpful sites:

- www.biblecharts.org
- Coffman's Judges Commentary
<https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/bcc/judges.html>
- Jim Boyd's book on Judges (PDF) <http://aburningfire.net/Books/Judges.pdf>

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