

Judges 13-16— Samson

Philistines	Baal	Nazarite Vow	God's Timing
<p>Gen 10:14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - descendants of Ham - They encounter Israel in Gen, Ex, Joshua, Judges, time of Saul and David - 5 major cities Gaza, Ashdod, Ashkelon, Akron, Gath - Commercial city - economic stronghold - Smelting iron - Left in the land to teach Israel war (3:1-3) - People served the gods of the Philistines (10:6-7) - Sucked Israel into their culture - materialism, idolatry, immorality - Israel did not cry out to God (13:1) <p>Worship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dagon, Asharoth, Baal(s) - Baal-zebub - Confusion for the people of Israel 	<p>Ba'al = in Hebrew = master, possessor, or husband - I Kings 14:23</p> <p>Canaanites views that the gods (Ba'als) were the owners of the land - Ba'als were their masters or their husbands</p> <p>Israelites worship God, Yahweh, was considered their master and husband</p> <p>If they are worshipping the same god "Ba'al" isn't it ok to worship God in the same as the pagans do</p> <p>We all worship the same God we just get to Him in our own ways??????????</p> <p>BUT - Jn 14:6; Mt 7:13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jesus said He is the only way to the Father - Narrow way leads to life - the broad way to destruction and death 	<p>13:3-7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - no wine or strong drink - Don't eat anything unclean - No razor to touch his head - Shall be a Nazarite from the womb to death (not Samson's choice - but an appointed position) - He will begin to deliver Israel from the Philistines <p>Num 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - dedicate himself to the Lord (2) - No vinegar, grape juice, grapes - nothing that comes from the vines - Not to go near anything dead (6-8) <p>Samson did not voluntarily choose this - it was decided for him by God</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - it was time for Israel to be shaken out of their seduction - Something needed to happen - At the exact right time - God raises up Samson - Nazarite vows set Samson apart from all others - different than the world - Samson was drawn to the Philistines - specifically the women <p>14:1-4</p> <p>God would use Samson's weakness for Philistine women to bring the relationship between Israel and the Philistines to an end</p>

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Samson's Story	Samson's Life	Samuel's Life
<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Samson and his riddle- Defying his vow- The Philistines went after Samson's wife to get the answer- Samson killed 30 Philistines and gave his companions their clothes- Gave Samson's wife to one of his companions <p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- tied the torches in the foxes tails and set their fields on fire- Burned their fields, vineyards, and groves- Philistines go kill the woman and her family- Samson struck them with a great slaughter- Philistines come to Israel looking for Samson- Israelites Deliver Samson to the Philistines, Samson breaks the bonds and kills 1,000 men <p>16</p>		