

Judges 13-16 - Lesson 11 - Samson

3 Judges	Philistines	Nazirite Vow	God's Timing
<p>Ibzan (Judges 12:8-10)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - from Bethlehem - Judged 7 years - 30 sons and 30 daughters - Brought sons and daughters into marry his children - Many ties with other tribes through these marriages - Probably had influence <p>Elon (12:11-12)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - #H356 - mighty like an oak - strength, wisdom, endurance - From Zebulun - Judged for 10 years <p>Abdon (12:13-15)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - son of Hillel the Pirathonite - Ephraimite - 40 sons and 30 grandsons who rode on 70 donkeys - Judged 8 years - Man of wealth/ possessions 	<p>Gen 10:14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - descendants of Ham - We see encounters with Israel in Gen, Ex, Joshua, Judges, through the first 2 kings (Saul and David) - Cities - Gaza, Ashdod, Ashkelon, Ekron, Gath, Gerar - Commercial, economic hub - Smelted iron - Sucked in the Israelites by materialism, idolatry (sensual immorality) - They seduced Israel with their life - and Israel didn't cry out to God to free them <p>Worship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dagon, Ashtaroth, Baal - Ba'al = master, possessor, or husband 	<p>Set apart for God (13:3-7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - not to drink strong drink or wine - Not to eat any unclean thing - No razor shall touch his head - It is a lifelong commitment (not by Samson's choice but by God's) - He will begin to deliver Israel from the hand of the Philistines <p>Numbers 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - drinking no wine, vinegar, grape juice, grapes (3-4) - Not cutting hair (5) - Not going near anything dead (6-8) <p>This is not something he did voluntarily - it was decided by God</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - it is time for the Israelite to wake up - stop being seduced by the sin - Something had to happen - At the exact right time God raises up Samson - He is called to be a Nazirite - different from everybody else - Drawn to the Philistines <p>14:1-4</p> <p>God was going to use Samson's weakness (women) to bring the relationship between Israel and the Philistines to an end</p>

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Samson	Samuel
<p>Judges 13-16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - dedicated to God from birth - Serving self - following the ungodly Philistines - Broke his vows to the Lord - Trouble revolved around Philistine women - Focus was on women and self - He relied on his own strength - Relied on brute force <p>Purpose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - begin to deliver them from the Philistines - Be a Nazirite (13:5) - separated unto God - Not cutting hair (physical), stay away from the vine, stay away from anything dead - Spirit of the Lord began to stir in him (13:25; 14:6, 19; 15:14) <p>Problems:</p> <p>Women</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Philistine wife from Timnah (14:2) - Harlot in Gaza (16:1) - Delilah (16:4) <p>Doesn't Keep His Vows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - carcass of lion (14:8-9) - Feast (14:10) - Haircut (16:19) <p>Relationship with God:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cried to God for water (15:18-19) - Calls on the Lord for vengeance (16:28) <p>Did what was right in his own eyes - went after women</p>	<p>I Sam 1-3, 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - dedicated to God before birth (1:11) - Serve God among ungodly priests (2:29) - Kept his vow to the Lord (3:1-18) - Served God in the tabernacle - judge & prophet (3:19) - Trusted battle in God's hands (7:7-11) - Spiritual leader (7:15-17) <p>Purpose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - dedicated to the Lord - Nazirite - spoke for the Lord <p>His Relationship to God:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - spoke with the Lord (3:4-19) - All Israel knew he was a prophet (3:20) - Lord revealed Himself to Samuel (3:21) <p>Ministry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - call Israel to return to the Lord (7:3) - Gathered Israel as one (7:5) - Cried out to God and built an altar (7:9-12) <p>Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Israel confessed their sins (7:6) - Removes the Ba'als (7:4) - Lord delivered them (7:14)