

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