

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-zebul - 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - harlot in Gaza (1-3) - Tears out the city gates and carries them to top of mountain - Delilah - deceives Samson and finds the secret to his strength - Captured, imprisoned, and died as he brought down the house of the Philistines 	<p>Judges 13-16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - dedicated to God's service before birth - Served self - Broke his vow on numerous occasions - Fixated on Philistine women - Took things into his own hands - Led by brute force <p>Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - begin to deliver from the Philistines - Be a Nazarite - dedicated to the Lord - Not to drink wine, cut hair, go near the dead (obvious signs of his vow) - By divine command <p>Problems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - women (14:2; 16:1; 16:4) - Doesn't keep his vows <p>Relationship to God:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - cried out to God for water (15:18-19) - Called out for vengeance against the Philistines (16:28) <p>Did what was right in his own eyes - chasing women, taking his own recourse for the Philistines actions</p>	<p>I Sam 1-3 and 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - dedicated to God's service for life from birth - by mother (1:11) - Served God even when surrounded by unrighteousness (2:29) - Keeps his vow - spoke for God to Eli (3:1-18) - Served God as both judge and prophet (3:19-21) - Focus was on God (7:3-4) - Trusted God with the battle (7:7-11) - Spiritual leader to Israel (7:15-17) <p>Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - dedicated to the Lord for his life - Judge the people and turn the people to God <p>Relationship to God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God spoke to him and was with him - All Israel knew he was God's prophet (I Sam 3:20) - God revealed Himself to Samuel <p>Ministry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - called Israel to return to the Lord (I Sam 7:3) - Gathered Israel to pray for them (I Sam 7:5) - Cried out to the Lord (I Sam 7:9) <p>Result of Ministry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Israel confessed their sins (I Sam 7:6) - Removed the Ba'als (I Sam 7:4) - Lord delivered them from the Philistines (I Sam 7:14)