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JUDGES 13

- 1 Now the sons of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD, so that the LORD gave them into the hands of the Philistines forty years.
- 2 There was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren and had borne no children.
- 3 Then the angel of the LORD was seen by the woman and said to her, "Behold now, you are barren and have borne no children, but you shall conceive and give birth to a son.
- 4 "Now therefore, be careful not to drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing.
- 5 For behold, you shall conceive and give birth to a son, and no razor shall come upon his head, for a Nazirite to God he will be—the young man—from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel from the hands of the Philistines." ...
- 7 "... a Nazirite to God he will be—the young man—from the womb until the day of his death." ...
- 24 Then the woman gave birth to a son and named him Samson; and the child grew up and the LORD blessed him.
- 25 And the Spirit of the LORD began to stir him

JUDGES 14

- 1 Then Samson went down to Timnah and saw a woman in Timnah, one of the daughters of the Philistines.
- 2 So he came back and told his father and mother, "I saw a woman in Timnah, one of the daughters of the Philistines; now get her for me as a wife."
- 3 ... "Get her for me, for she looks right in my eyes." ...
- 5 Then Samson went down to Timnah with his father and mother, and came as far as the vineyards of Timnah
- 8 ... he turned aside to look at the carcass of the lion; and behold, a swarm of bees and honey were in the body of the lion.
- 9 So he scraped the honey into his hands and went on, eating as he went. ...
- 10 ... Samson made a feast there, for the young men customarily did this. ...
- 19 ... He [Samson] went down to Ashkelon and killed thirty of them and took their spoil and gave the changes of clothes to those who answered the riddle. ...

JUDGES 15

- 15 He found a fresh jawbone of a donkey, so he reached out and took it and killed a thousand men with it. ...

JUDGES 16

- 1 Now Samson went to Gaza and he saw a prostitute there, and he had relations with her. ...
- 4 After this it came about that he loved a woman in the Valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah. ...
- 6 So Delilah said to Samson, "Please tell me where your great strength is and how you may be bound to afflict you."
- 7 And Samson said to her, "If they will bind me with seven fresh cords ..., then I will become weak and be like a man." ...
- 10 Then Delilah said to Samson, "Behold, you have deceived me and told me lies; now please tell me how you may be bound."
- 11 And he said to her, "If they will bind me tightly with new ropes ..., then I will become weak and be like a man."
- 13 Then Delilah said to Samson, "Up to now you have deceived me and told me lies; tell me how you may be bound." And he said to her, "If you will weave ... my hair with the web and fasten it with a pin, then I will become weak and be like a man." ...
- 16 It came about when she pressed him daily with her words and urged him, that his soul was annoyed to death.
- 17 And he told her all that was in his heart and he said to her, "A razor has never come on my head, for I have been a Nazirite to God from my mother's womb. If I am shaved, then my strength will leave me and I will become weak and be like every man." ...
- 19 ... his strength left him.
- 20 She said, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" And he awoke from his sleep and said, "I will go out as at other times and shake myself free." But he did not know that the LORD had left him.
- 21 Then the Philistines seized him and gouged out his eyes; and they brought him down to Gaza and bound him with bronze chains
- 28 Then Samson called to the LORD and said, "My Lord GOD, please remember me and please strengthen me just this time, O God, that I may at once be avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes." ...
- 30 And Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines!" And he bent with all his might so that the house fell on the lords and all the people who were in it. So the dead whom he caused to die [killed] at his death were more than those whom he caused to die [killed] in his life.