

GREAT MEN OF THE BIBLE
Pt. 4 – “SAMSON”
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Judges 13:1 (NIV)

^[1] Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD, so the LORD delivered them into the hands of the Philistines for forty years.

I. The Birth of Samson

Judges 13:5 (NIV)

^[5] "because you will conceive and give birth to a son. No razor may be used on his head, because the boy is to be a Nazirite, set apart to God from birth, and he will begin the deliverance of Israel from the hands of the Philistines."

II. Samson's Marriage

Judges 14:1-2 (NIV)

^[1] Samson went down to Timnah and saw there a young Philistine woman.

^[2] When he returned, he said to his father and mother, "I have seen a Philistine woman in Timnah; now get her for me as my wife."

III. Samson's Vengeance on the Philistines

Judges 15:4-6 (NIV)

^[4] So he went out and caught three hundred foxes and tied them tail to tail in pairs. He then fastened a torch to every pair of tails,

^[5] lit the torches and let the foxes loose in the standing grain of the Philistines. He burned up the shocks and standing grain, together with the vineyards and olive groves.

^[6] When the Philistines asked, "Who did this?" they were told, "Samson, the Timnite's son-in-law, because his wife was given to his friend." So the Philistines went up and burned her and her father to death.

IV. Samson and Delilah

Judges 16:1 (NIV)

^[1] One day Samson went to Gaza,

Judges 16:4-15 (NIV)

^[4] Some time later, he fell in love with a woman in the Valley of Sorek whose name was Delilah.

^[5] The rulers of the Philistines went to her and said, "See if you can lure him into showing you the secret of his great strength and how we can overpower him so we may tie him up and subdue him. Each one of us will give you eleven hundred shekels of silver."

V. The Death of Samson**Judges 16:23 (NIV)**

^[23] Now the rulers of the Philistines assembled to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god and to celebrate, saying, "Our god has delivered Samson, our enemy, into our hands."