

RIGHT IN THE EYE
Pt. 4 - SAMSON
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THE BIRTH OF SAMSON

Judges 13:1 (NIV)

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.

Judges 13:5 (NIV)

"...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."

MANOAH

Judges 13:18 (NIV)

He replied, "Why do you ask my name? **It is beyond understanding.**" (Or Wonderful)

SAMSON'S MARRIGE

Judges 14:1-3 (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.**"

^[3] His father and mother replied, "Isn't there an acceptable woman among your **relatives** or among all our people? Must you go to the uncircumcised Philistines to get a wife?" But Samson said to his father, "**Get her for me. She's the right one for me.**"

LION

Judges 14:12-14 (NIV)

^[12] "Let me tell you a riddle," Samson said to them...

^[13] ..."Tell us your riddle," they said. "Let's hear it."

^[14] He replied, "Out of the eater, something to eat; out of the strong, something sweet." For three days they could not give the answer.

Judges 14:16 (NIV)

Then Samson's **wife threw herself on him, sobbing, "You hate me! You don't really love me.** You've given my people a riddle, but you haven't told me the answer." "I haven't even explained it to my father or mother," he replied, "so why should I explain it to you?"

Judges 14:18 (NIV)

Before sunset on the seventh day the men of the town said to him, "What is sweeter than honey? What is stronger than a lion?" Samson said to them, **"If you had not plowed with my heifer, you would not have solved my riddle."**

Judges 14:19 (NIV)

Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon him in power. He went down to Ashkelon, struck down thirty of their men... **(Fifty-mile round trip)**

SAMSON'S VENGEANCE ON THE PHILISTINES

Judges 15:1 (NIV)

Later on, at the time of wheat harvest, Samson took a young goat and went to visit his wife. He said, "I'm going to my wife's room." But her father would not let him go in.

Judges 15:4 (NIV)

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.

Judges 15:7-8 (NIV)

^[7] Samson said to them, **"Since you've acted like this, I won't stop until I get my revenge** on you."

^[8] He attacked them viciously and slaughtered many of them. Then he went down and stayed in a cave in the rock of Etam.

Judges 15:15-16 (NIV)

^[15] Finding a fresh jawbone of a donkey, he grabbed it and struck down **a thousand men.**

^[16] Then Samson said, "With a donkey's jawbone I have made donkeys of them. With a donkey's jawbone I have killed a thousand men." **(Jawbone Hill)**

DELILAH