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Parables

fatal flaws, ironic twists, & lesser known people



Samson

Judges

13



Judges 13:1

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.

Judges 13:1-5

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. Then the angel of the Lord appeared to 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... (and) the boy shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel from the hands of the Philistines."



Judges 13:17-18

Then Manoah asked the angel of God, "What's your name? When your words come true, we'd like to honor you."

The angel of God said, "What's this? You ask for my name? You wouldn't understand—it's sheer wonder."

Samson went down to Timnah. There in Timnah a woman caught his eye, a Philistine girl. He came back and told his father and mother, "I saw a woman in Timnah, a Philistine girl; get her for me as my wife." His parents said to him,

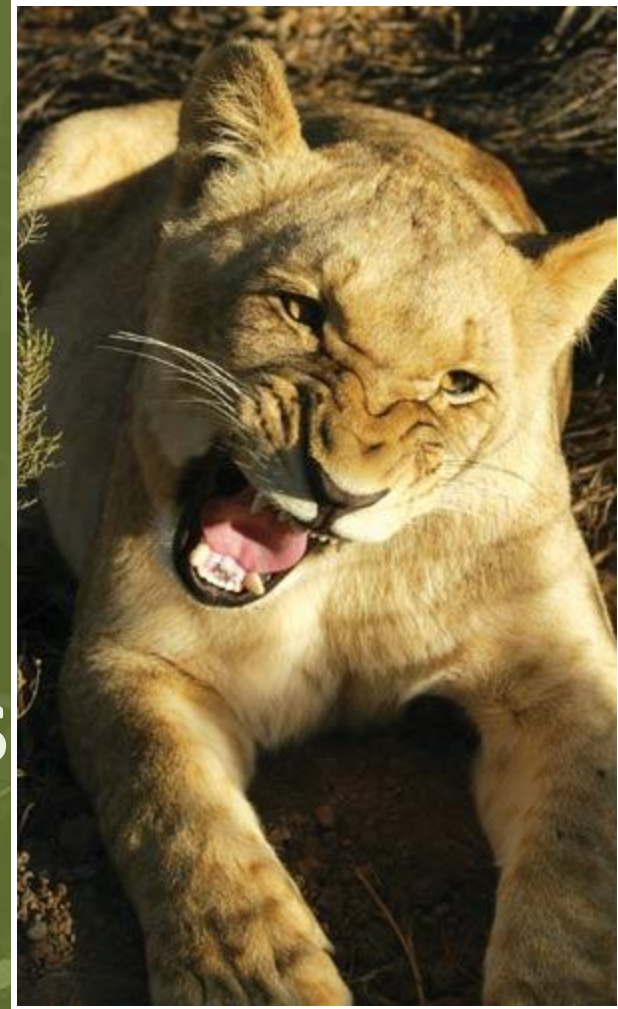
*What? You couldn't
find a nice Jewish girl?*

Judges 14:4

However, his father and mother did not know that it was of the Lord, for He was seeking an occasion against the Philistines. Now at that time the Philistines were ruling over Israel.

Judges 14:5-6

A young lion came roaring toward him. The Spirit of the Lord came upon him mightily, so that he tore him as one tears a young goat though he had nothing in his hand.



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. So he scraped the honey into his hands and went on, eating as he went.



Judges
14:8-9

"Out of the eater,
something to eat;
out of the strong,
something
sweet." For three
days they could
not give the
answer.



Judges 14:18

Samson said to them, "If you had not plowed with my heifer, you would not have solved my riddle."



Judges 14:19-20

Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon him in power. He went down to Ashkelon, struck down thirty of their men, stripped them of their belongings and gave their clothes to those who had explained the riddle. Burning with anger, he went up to his father's house

Judges 15:1-2

Later on, Samson took a young goat and went to visit his wife." But her father would not let him go in. "I was so sure you thoroughly hated her," he said, "that I gave her to your friend. Isn't her younger sister more attractive? Take her instead."

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Judges 15:15 Finding a fresh jawbone of a donkey, he grabbed it and struck down a thousand men.

Judges 16:1 One day Samson went to Gaza, where he saw a prostitute. He went in to spend the night with her.



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Judges 16:5 And the lords of the Philistines came up to her and said to her, “Seduce him, and see where his great strength lies, and by what means we may overpower him,. And we will each give you 1,100 pieces of silver.”

Judges 16:7
Samson said to her, “
they bind me with
seven fresh bowstrings
that have not been
dried, then I shall
become weak and be
like any other man.”



Judges 16:11
And he said to her,
“If they bind me
with new ropes that
have not been used,
then I shall become
weak and be like any
other man.”



Judges 16:13

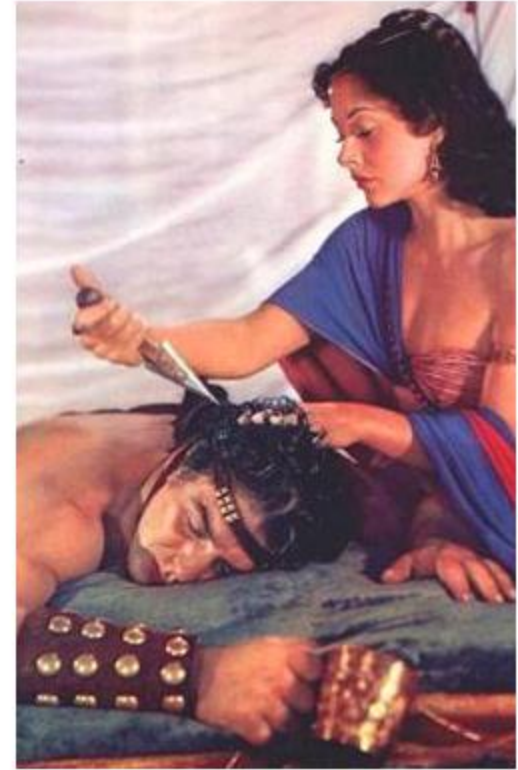
Then Delilah said to Samson,
“Until now you have mocked
me and told me lies. Tell me
how you might be bound.”

And he said to her, “If you
weave the seven locks of my
head with the web and fasten
it tight with the pin, then I
shall become weak and be like
any other man.”

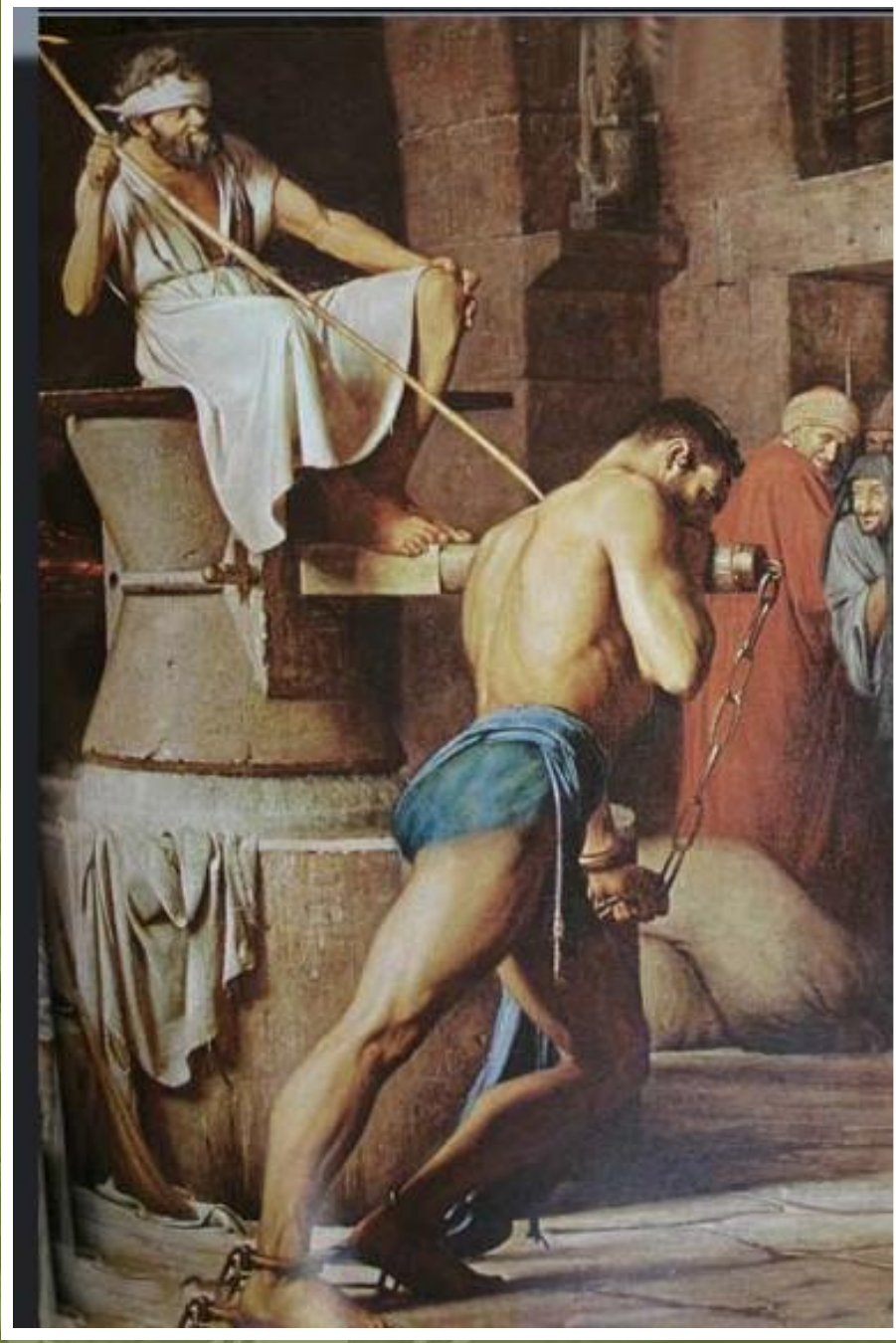


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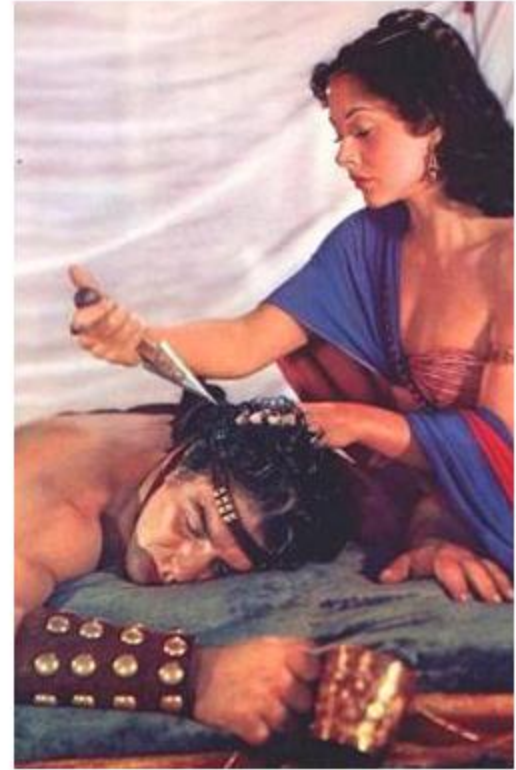


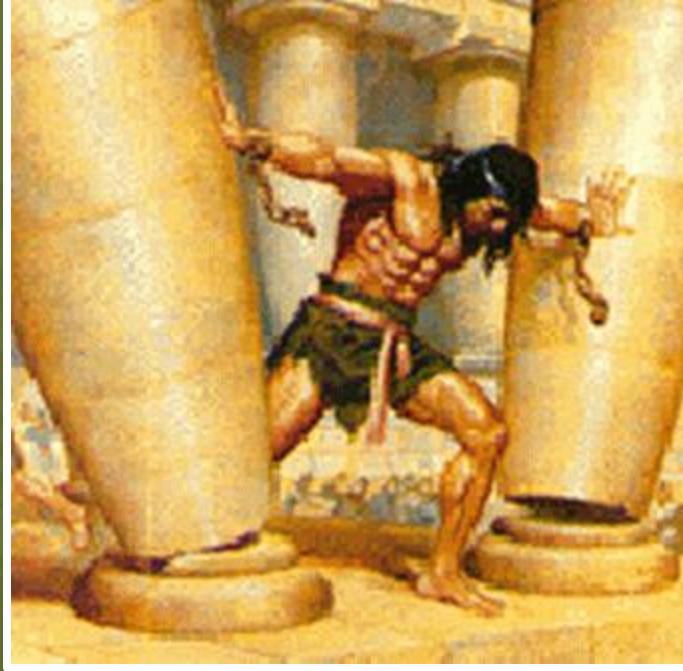
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Judges
16:28

Then Samson called to the Lord and said, “O Lord God, please remember me and please strengthen me only this once, O God, that I may be avenged on the Philistines for my two eyes.”

1 Corinthians 10:11

Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction.

Samson and You

- Too often, I, too, am driven by my own desires. I use my God-given gifts and abilities to further my own agenda rather than God's.
- lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 2 Timothy 3:4
- God's Spirit and power is active in us.

Luke 24:27
And beginning with
Moses and all the
Prophets, he
interpreted to them in
all the Scriptures the
things concerning
himself.

Samson and Jesus

- Announced by an Angel
- Consecrated from womb
- Deliver/rescuer
- Worked alone
- Fell in love with a woman who betrayed him she became rich
- Acted foolishly
- Forsaken by God
- Willingly gave up his life