

on his shoulder, and carried them to the top of the hill that faces Hebron.

-----  
Then Delilah, another prostitute, betrayed him.

-----  
Jdg 16:17 He spilled it. He told her, "A razor has never touched my head. I've been God's Nazirite from conception. If I were shaved, my strength would leave me; I would be as helpless as any other mortal."

Jdg 16:18 When Delilah realized that he had told her his secret, she sent for the Philistine tyrants, telling them, "Come quickly--this time he's told me the truth." They came, bringing the bribe money.

Jdg 16:19 When she got him to sleep, his head on her lap, she motioned to a man to cut off the seven braids of his hair. Immediately he began to grow weak. His strength drained from him.

Jdg 16:20 Then she said, "The Philistines are on you, Samson!" He woke up, thinking, "I'll go out, like always, and shake free." He didn't realize that GOD had abandoned him.

Jdg 16:21 The Philistines grabbed him, gouged out his eyes, and took him down to Gaza. They shackled him in irons and put him to the work of grinding in the prison.

-----  
But Samson's hair grew back and he regained his strength. At a Philistine festival, Samson got revenge after praying to God to help him.

-----  
Jdg 16:26 Samson said to the young man who was acting as his guide, "Put me

where I can touch the pillars that hold up the temple so I can rest against them."

Jdg 16:27 The building was packed with men and women, including all the Philistine tyrants. And there were at least 3,000 in the stands watching Samson's performance.

Jdg 16:28 And Samson cried out to GOD: Master, GOD! Oh, please, look on me again, Oh, please, give strength yet once more. God! With one avenging blow let me be avenged On the Philistines for my two eyes!

Jdg 16:29 Then Samson reached out to the two central pillars that held up the building and pushed against them, one with his right arm, the other with his left.

Jdg 16:30 Saying, "Let me die with the Philistines," Samson pushed hard with all his might. The building crashed on the tyrants and all the people in it. He killed more people in his death than he had killed in his life.

-----  
God is interested in us trusting in him, not in how holy we think we can be.  
-----



Net Works Ministries, Inc.  
Otumba, Mex, Mexico  
[www.myskewl.com/english/tracts.php](http://www.myskewl.com/english/tracts.php)

# WHAT ABOUT SAMSON?

## VARIOUS PLACES IN THE BOOK OF JUDGES

-----  
We know about Samson as a strong man, but not so much about him being a man of God. When he was born, the Philistines were long-time neighboring enemies of the Jews-- David later killed the giant Goliath who was a Philistine.

The Jews cried to God for help and so God sent an angel to talk to a Jewish couple, Samson's parents.

-----  
Jdg 13:2 At that time there was a man named Manoah from Zorah from the tribe of Dan. His wife was barren and childless.

Jdg 13:3 The angel of God appeared to her and told her, "I know that you are barren and childless, but you're going to become pregnant and bear a son.

Jdg 13:4 But take much care: Drink no wine or beer; eat nothing ritually unclean.

Jdg 13:5 You are, in fact, pregnant

right now, carrying a son. No razor will touch his head--the boy will be God's Nazirite from the moment of his birth. He will launch the deliverance from Philistine oppression."

-----  
So, Samson's mom was already pregnant with him, and God was sending him to rescue Israel from the Philistines.

-----  
Jdg 13:24 The woman gave birth to a son. They named him Samson. The boy grew and GOD blessed him.

Jdg 13:25 The Spirit of GOD began working in him while he was staying at a Danite camp between Zorah and Eshtaol.

-----  
These folks didn't have a clue how to raise a man of God, other than to keep him from wine, dead animals, and don't cut his hair.

Samson didn't always please his folks, but he was about to please the Philistines less.

-----  
Jdg 14:1 Samson went down to Timnah. There in Timnah a woman caught his eye, a Philistine girl.

Jdg 14:2 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."

Jdg 14:3 His parents said to him, "Isn't there a woman among the girls in the neighborhood of our people? Do you have to go get a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines?" But Samson said to his father, "Get her for me. She's the one I want--she's the right one."

Jdg 14:4 (His father and mother had no idea that GOD was behind this,

that he was arranging an opportunity against the Philistines. At the time the Philistines lorded it over Israel.)

-----  
Over the next few years, Samson killed hundreds and irritated thousands of Philistines because of his bad attitudes.

-----  
Jdg 14:1 Samson went down to Timnah. There in Timnah a woman caught his eye, a Philistine girl.

Jdg 14:2 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."

Jdg 14:3 His parents said to him, "Isn't there a woman among the girls in the neighborhood of our people? Do you have to go get a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines?" But Samson said to his father, "Get her for me. She's the one I want--she's the right one."

Jdg 14:4 (His father and mother had no idea that GOD was behind this, that he was arranging an opportunity against the Philistines. At the time the Philistines lorded it over Israel.)

-----  
And again...

-----  
Jdg 14:1 Samson went down to Timnah. There in Timnah a woman caught his eye, a Philistine girl.

Jdg 14:2 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."

Jdg 14:3 His parents said to him, "Isn't there a woman among the girls in the neighborhood of our people? Do you have to go get a wife from the uncircum-

cised Philistines?" But Samson said to his father, "Get her for me. She's the one I want--she's the right one."

Jdg 14:4 (His father and mother had no idea that GOD was behind this, that he was arranging an opportunity against the Philistines. At the time the Philistines lorded it over Israel.)

-----  
And again...

-----  
Jdg 15:14 As he approached Lehi, the Philistines came to meet him, shouting in triumph. And then the Spirit of GOD came on him with great power. The ropes on his arms fell apart like flax on fire; the thongs slipped off his hands.

Jdg 15:15 He spotted a fresh donkey jawbone, reached down and grabbed it, and with it killed the whole company.

Jdg 15:16 And Samson said, With a donkey's jawbone I made heaps of donkeys of them. With a donkey's jawbone I killed an entire company.

Jdg 15:17 When he finished speaking, he threw away the jawbone. He named that place Ramath Lehi (Jawbone Hill).

-----  
And again...

-----  
Jdg 16:1 Samson went to Gaza and saw a prostitute. He went to her.

Jdg 16:2 The news got around: "Samson's here." They gathered around in hiding, waiting all night for him at the city gate, quiet as mice, thinking, "At sunrise we'll kill him."

Jdg 16:3 Samson was in bed with the woman until midnight. Then he got up, seized the doors of the city gate and the two gateposts, bolts and all, hefted them