

# Walking with Joshua and Judges

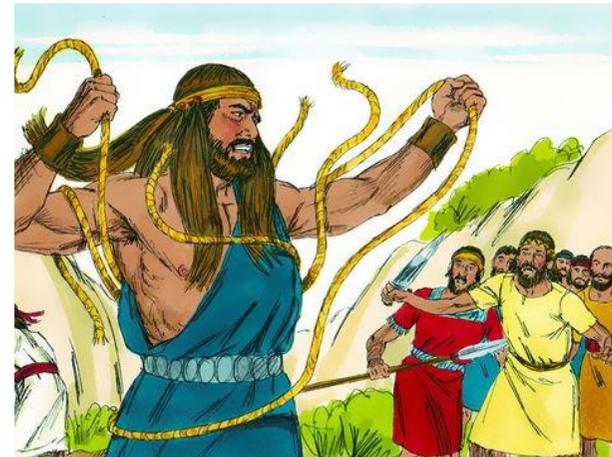
## Week 10

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*Samson kills a lion*



*Samson breaks free and attacks Philistines*

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## Sunday

Angel appears to Manoah's wife

Bible Reading: Judges 13v1-14

1. What did the Israelites do? (v1)
2. What did the LORD do? (v1)
3. Who couldn't have children? (v2)
4. Where did they live? (v2) *Find it on a map*
5. What did the angel tell her? (v2)
6. What was she NOT to do? (v4)
7. Why? (v5)
8. What would her son begin to do? (v5)
9. Who did she tell? (v6)
10. What did Manoah do? (v8)

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*God was giving them a special son. He was to be a Nazarite. Right from the beginning people would see he was different. God had chosen him to do a special work. He was to begin to deliver Israel from the Philistines.*

*But what were they to teach him? What work was he to do? Manoah wanted to bring him up to please God. So he asked the LORD.*

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11. What did God do? (v9)
12. When did the angel appear? (v9)
13. What did the angel tell Manoah? (v13+14)



*How can you be holy unto the LORD?*

- a) Go to church and be good*
- b) Love God and obey Him with all your heart*
- c) Don't cut your hair or drink wine*
- d) Don't mix with anyone but Christians*

## Answers

1) Evil in the sight of the LORD; 2) Delivered them to the Philistines for 20 years; 3) Manoah's wife; 4) Zorah; 5) She would have a son; 6) Drink wine or strong drink, or eat any unclean thing; 7) Her son would be a Nazarite unto God from his birth; 8) Deliver Israel from the Philistines; 9) Her husband; 10) Asked God to send the man of God again to teach them what to do to the child that was to be born; 11) Harkened to Manoah and sent the angel again; 12) When the woman sat in the field, but Manoah wasn't with her; 13) To do what he had told the woman, don't eat anything from the vine, drink wine or strong drink

*Love God and obey Him with all your heart. Let everyone see that the LORD has made a change in your life. Live a holy life and serve the LORD.*



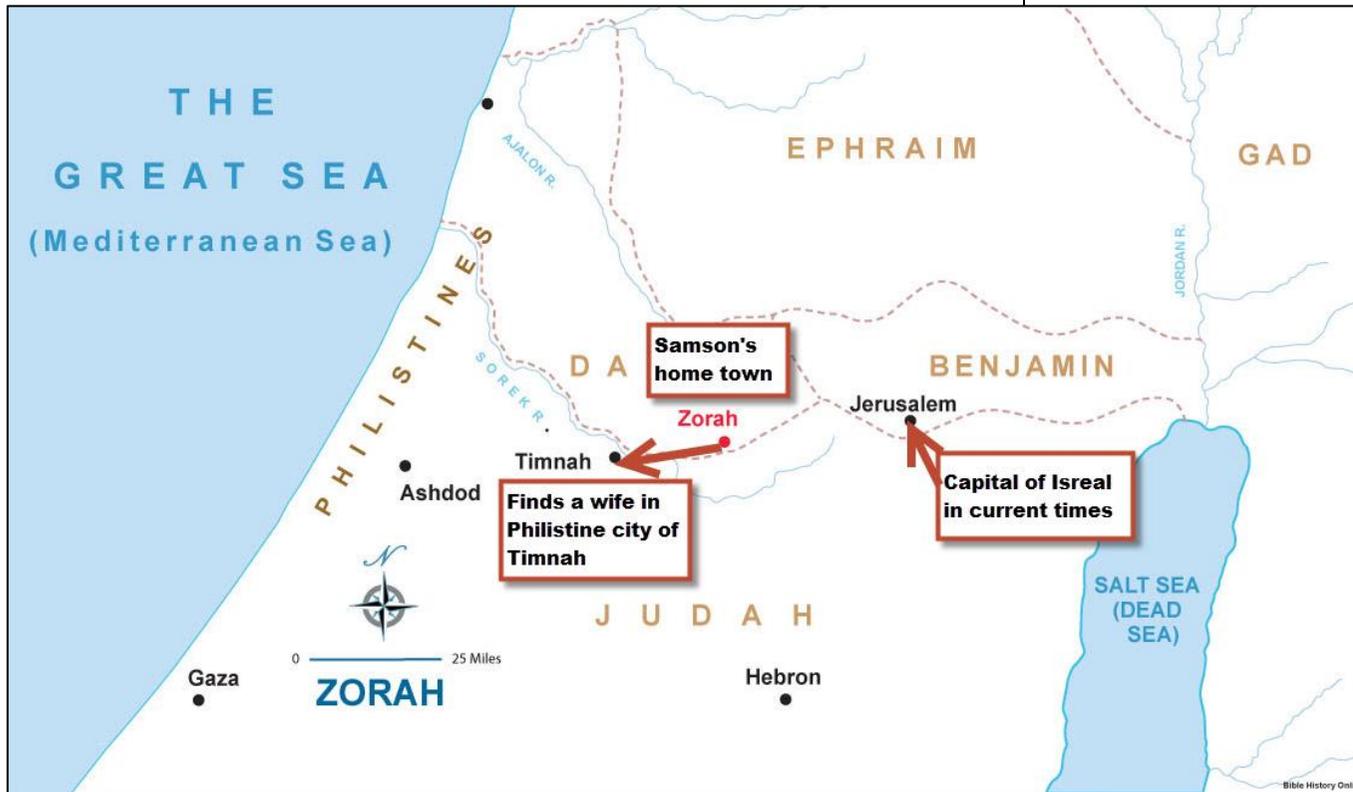
Christian parents should bring up their children to please God. They don't know who the baby will turn out to be! Do you thank God for parents that love you....enough to teach you God's Word....and to pray for you?



## What was a Nazarite?

- A Nazarite was a person who had a special vow to the LORD.
- They were to be holy for the LORD. (Numbers 6v1-8)
- They were NOT to:
  - a) Drink wine or strong drink
  - b) Eat anything from the vine
  - c) Eat any unclean thing
  - d) Cut their hair
  - e) Touch a dead body

***“But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.” (1 Peter 1v15+16)***



## Did you know?

'Unclean' didn't just mean 'dirty'.

The Jews had certain foods and animals they weren't to eat. They were said to be 'unclean'. These 'unclean' foods and animals were not to be sacrificed to God.

(Deuteronomy 14v1-21)

## Monday

Samson is born

Bible Reading: Judges 13v15-25

1. Why did Manoah want the angel to wait? (v15)
2. Would the angel eat it? (v16)
3. Who did the angel say to offer it to? (v16)
4. Did Manoah know that he was an angel? (v16)
5. What did Manoah want to do? (v17)
6. What was the angel's name? (v18)
7. Where did Manoah make the offering? (v19)
8. What did the angel do? (v20)
9. So, what did Manoah and his wife do? (v20)
10. Why did Manoah think would die? (v22)
11. What did his wife think? (v23)
12. What did they call their son? (v24)
13. Who began to move Samson at times? (v25)
14. Where? (v25) *Find them on a map*

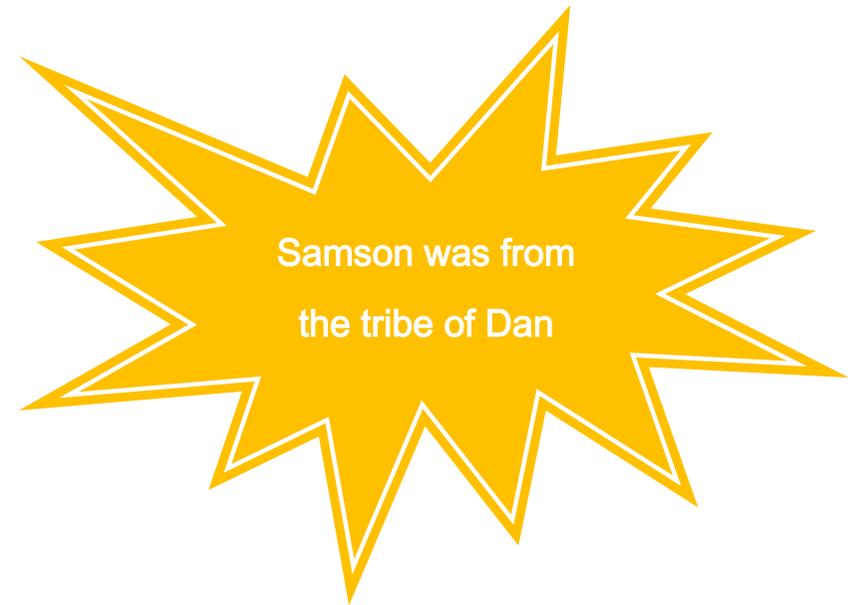
### MEANINGS:

Detain = keep;

Honour = praise;

Meat offering = meal offering;

Wondrously = a wonderful thing;



*God has a plan for your life. Who do you need to help you do it?*

- a) Parents
- b) Teachers
- c) Angels
- d) Holy Spirit

Answers

1) To make ready a kid for him to eat; 2) No; 3) The LORD; 4) No; 5) Honour him; 6) Secret; 7) Upon a rock; 8) Ascended in the flame to heaven; 9) Fell on their faces to the ground; 10) They had seen God; 11) The LORD wouldn't have received the offerings or showed them all about what was going to happen, if He were going to kill them; 12) Samson; 13) The Spirit of the LORD; 14) Between Zorah and Eshtaol

You need God the Holy Spirit to help you live out God's plan for your life.



**Stop and Think!**

The Angel said his name was 'Secret'. This is the same word translated 'Wonderful' in Isaiah 9v6. 'Wonderful' is a name of Christ. This was Christ who appeared to Manoah and his wife.

Manoah and his wife realized this was no mere man or angel. This was God who appeared to them. That's why they fell on their faces to the ground.

Manoah thought they would die (v22). See Exodus 33v20.

Christ is God the Son. He is Holy. He CANNOT sin. He is eternal... He had no beginning and He'll never die. He lived before He was born in Bethlehem.

***"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9v6)***



Samson had faith in God (Heb 11v32). The LORD blessed him (Judges 13v24). Have you believed on Christ as your Saviour? Do you know the Lord's blessing in your life?



## Tuesday

Samson wants a wife

Bible Reading: Judges 14v1-9

1. Where did Samson go? (v1) *Find it on a map*
2. What did Samson see that he wanted? (v1+2)
3. What did his parents think? (v3)

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*His parents knew God's law. God didn't want the Israelites to marry the heathen nations. The heathen nations would turn them to worship idols. (Deuteronomy 6v3+4)*

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4. What did they NOT know? (v4)

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*This doesn't mean God wanted Samson to do wrong. But God would overrule. He would turn it around....and through it use Samson against the Philistines.*

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5. Who ruled over Israel at that time? (v4)
6. Who went to Timnath? (v5)
7. Who came mightily upon Samson? (v6)
8. What did Samson do? (v5+6)
9. Did the woman please Samson? (v7)
10. When did he go to marry her? (v8)
11. What was in the dead lion? (v8)
12. Who did he give honey to? (v9)
13. Did he tell them where he got it? (v9)

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*A Nazarite wasn't supposed to touch a dead body. He didn't want his parents to know he'd not kept the Nazarite rules. They were probably very careful that he obeyed these rules.*

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### MEANINGS:

Brethren = brothers, men relatives;

Occasion = get the chance to do;

Dominion = rule over;

Rent = tore;

Carcase = dead body;

Swarm = group of bees



*Ever wanted your own way? Ever done something behind your parents' back? The LORD sees. So make sure you go God's way.*

***“But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.” (James 1v14)***



*Who should a Christian marry?*

- a) A person who isn't a Christian*
- b) A person who is the same sex*
- c) Another true Christian*
- d) No one with a different skin colour*

*Answers*

*1) Timnath; 2) A Philistines girl he wanted to marry; 3) He should take a wife from his own people and not a Philistine; 4) It was of the LORD to use him against the Philistines; 5) Philistines; 6) Samson and his parents; 7) The Spirit of the LORD; 8) Killed a young lion; 9) Yes; 10) After a time; 11) Swarm of bees and honey; 12) His father and mother; 13) No*

*A Christian should marry another true Christian. It doesn't matter the colour of their skin. But make sure you pray and ask God to lead you to the right person!*



**Did you know?**

Philistines worshipped a false god called Dagon.

He was known as the 'fish-god.'

Years later, God caused his idol to fall on its face before the Ark of the Covenant. It broke. Only the stump or 'fishy part' was left (1 Samuel 5v1-4).



## Wednesday

### Samson's riddle

Bible Reading: Judges 14v10-19

1. What did Samson make? (v10)
2. How many companions did they give him? (v11)
3. What was the riddle? (v14)

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*Samson was clever. He made up a hard riddle. But it was about a time he broke the Nazarite rules.*

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4. How long had they to tell the answer? (v12)
5. What would Samson give if they were right? (v12)
6. What if they were wrong? (v13)
7. What did they tell his wife to do? (v15)
8. Or what would they do? (v15)
9. Who had he NOT told it to? (v16)

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*He didn't want his parents to know he's broken the rules for a Nazarite.*

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10. When did he tell her? (v17)

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*She wept and she nagged at him. 'You don't love me; if you loved me you would tell me.' She'd ruined the wedding feast crying and nagging. So, he gave in and told her. She went straight to tell her people. She didn't truly love Samson.*

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11. Who came upon Samson? (v19)
12. Where did Samson go? (v19) *Find it on a map*
13. How did he get the 30 garments? (v19)

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*Samson was angry.... angry at the Philistines for not playing fair....angry with his wife for telling them. So, he went home to his father's house.*

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***"Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath." (Ephesians 4v26)***



*What is the right way to get what you want?*

- a) Cry, pout and nag*
- b) Walk over people*
- c) Ask nicely and work willingly*
- d) Bribe people to give it*
- e) Gamble for it*

*Answers*

*1) A feast; 2) 30 companions; 3) Out of the eater came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth sweetness; 4) 7 days; 5) 30 shirts and 30 change of garments; 6) They must give Samson 30 shirts and 30 change of garments; 7) Get him to tell her the meaning; 8) Burn her and her father's house; 9) His parents; 10) The 7<sup>th</sup> day of their feast; 11) The Spirit of the LORD; 12) Ashkelon; 13) Killed 30 Philistine men*

*Ask nicely and work willingly to get what you want. If God wants you to have it, you'll get it*



*God's plan was to use Samson against the Philistines. Yes, Samson did wrong. But God saw his heart. And God chose to use him in spite of what he'd done. Sometimes God uses us in spite of how we've failed Him.*



## Thursday

Samson burns corn

Bible Reading: Judges 14v20; 15v1-8

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*There are some things in this lesson that seem cruel to us.*

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1. What happened to Samson's wife? (14v20)

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*Imagine....Samson's wife was given to be the wife of his best man!*

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2. When did Samson visit his wife? (15v1)
  3. What did he bring? (v1)
  4. Why did her father stop him? (v2)
  5. Who did he say Samson should marry? (v2)
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*Samson was learning the hard way that he couldn't trust the Philistines. Sometimes we have to learn the hard way....because we won't go God's way!*

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6. What did Samson do to 300 foxes? (v4)
7. What did he let them go to do? (v5)
8. Why had Samson done this? (v6)
9. What did the Philistines do? (v6)
10. What was Samson going to do? (v7)
11. What did he do? (v8)

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*Samson took revenge. He did this for himself....not for God's glory or for Israel. He wanted to 'get even' but things got nasty. To smite them hip and thigh means to attack them without mercy. It was a cruel slaughter.*

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12. Where did he live? (v8) *Find it on a map*



Go to map

### MEANINGS:

Suffer = allow;

Chamber = room;

Verily = truly;

Utterly = completely;

Fairer = more beautiful;

Displeasure = harm

Firebrands = torches of fire;

Shocks = sheaves of corn;

Avenged = take revenge;



*What should you do?*

*Someone you know is posting things about you on Facebook. They're nasty things and not true. Others believe them and are starting to do it too. So, what should you do?*

- a) Get a gang to attack them*
- b) Unfriend them and report them to Facebook*
- c) Post real bad stuff about them*

*Answers*

*1) She was given to his companion; 2) In the time of wheat harvest; 3) A kid; 4) Because he'd given her to his companion; 5) Her younger sister; 6) Tied their tails, putting a firebrand between every 2 tails; 7) Burn up the Philistines corn, vineyards and olives; 8) Because his father-in-law gave his wife to his companion; 9) Burnt her and her father with fire; 10) Be avenged; 11) Slew Philistines; 12) Etam*

*Unfriend them and report them to Facebook. Also, it would be best to make your settings more private....and tell an adult you trust about it.*

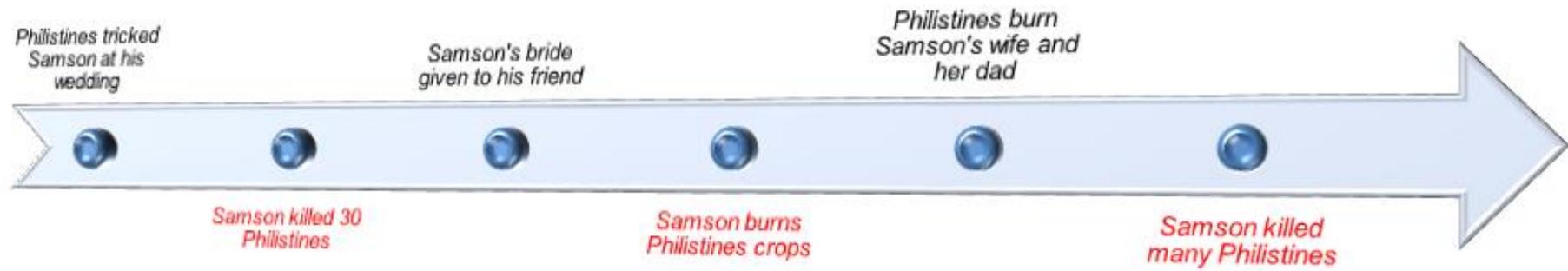


*It's said, 'Revenge is sweet'. But remember things will get worse and the end will be bitter. So, it's best to let God settle the score.*

***"Say not thou, I will recompense evil; but wait on the LORD, and he shall save thee." (Proverbs 20v22)***

***"Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me: I will render to the man according to his work." (Proverbs 24v29)***

See how things got worse between Samson and the Philistines:



## Friday

Samson kills 1000 Philistines

Bible Reading: Judges 15v9-19



Go to map

1. Where did the Philistines set up camp? (v9) *Find it on a map*
2. What had they come to do? (v10)
3. How many men of Judah came to Samson? (v11)
4. Where? (v11) *Find it on a map*
5. What did they want to do? (v12)

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*The men of Judah didn't want any trouble. The Philistines ruled over them. They didn't seem to realize that the LORD had sent Samson to deliver them from the Philistines. So, they gave Samson over to the enemy.*

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6. What did they swear? (v12)
7. Where did they take him? (v14)
8. What did the Philistines do? (v14)
9. Who came mightily upon Samson? (v14)
10. What did Samson do? (v14+15)

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*These new ropes would not have been easily broken. It was the Spirit of the LORD who gave Samson the strength to break free. And then kill 1000 Philistines all alone! The 3000 men of Judah didn't help him.*

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11. What did he kill them with? (v15)

12. What did he call the place? (v17)

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*Ramath-lehi means the 'hill of the jawbone.' He left heaps of dead bodies that he'd killed with a donkey's jawbone.*

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13. What did God do? (v19)
14. What was the place called? (v19)

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*Lehi means jaw. God made water come out of a hollow place in Lehi. It didn't come out of the jaw of the donkey.*

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### MEANINGS:

Bind = tie up;

Swear = promise;

Fall upon = kill;

Sore athirst = very thirsty;

Deliverance = saved from,  
rescued;

Clave = split;

Revived = refreshed



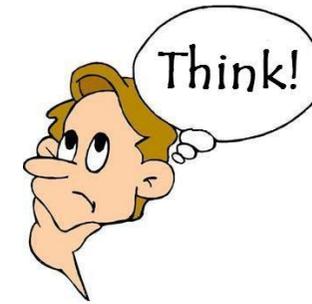
*What sorts of things will the Holy Spirit help you do?*

- a) Fight with people*
- b) Understand the Bible*
- c) Pray to God*
- d) Get drunk*
- e) Tell others about Jesus*
- f) Hurt animals*
- g) Kill people*
- h) Live a holy life*

*Answers*

*1) Lehi; 2) Bind Samson; 3) 3000 men; 4) Etam; 5) Bind him and give him to the Philistines; 6) They wouldn't kill him; 7) Lehi; 8) Shouted against him; 9) The Spirit of the LORD; 10) Broke the cords off his arms and killed 1000 Philistines; 11) The jawbone of a donkey; 12) Ramath-lehi; 13) Clave a hollow place in the jaw and there came out water; 14) Enhakkore*

*God the Holy Spirit will help you: Understand the Bible, Pray to God, Tell others about Jesus and Live a holy life.*



*The devil is God's great enemy. Start doing things for the Lord and the devil will attack you. Sometimes you will be left alone to fight for God. But make sure you fight him in the strength of the Holy Spirit!*

***"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds."  
(2 Corinthians 10v4)***

## Saturday

### Samson's Strength

Bible Reading: Judges 15v20; 16v1-3

Other Reading: Numbers 6v1-8

1. How long did Samson judge Israel? (15v20)
2. Where did Samson go? (16v1) *Find it on a map*
3. Who did he go to? (v1)
4. What did the Gazites do? (v2)
5. When were they going to kill him? (v2)
6. When did Samson get up? (v3)
7. What did he carry on his shoulders? (v3)
8. Where to? (v3) *Find it on a map*
9. Who was a Nazarite separated unto? (Num 6v2)
10. What was a Nazarite NOT to drink? (Num 6v3)
11. What was a Nazarite NOT to eat? (Num 6v4)
12. What was a Nazarite NOT to do with his hair? (Num 6v5)
13. What was a Nazarite NOT to touch? (Num 6v6)

#### MEANINGS:

Harlot = prostitute;

Compassed = surrounded;

Liquor = alcoholic drink;

Kernels = seeds;

Husk = skins;

Consecration = set apart for holy use



*Which is of the flesh and which is of the Spirit?*

<i>Kindness</i>	<i>Cursing</i>	<i>Patience</i>	<i>Hate</i>
<i>Gentleness</i>	<i>Faith</i>	<i>Envy</i>	<i>Anger</i>
<i>Strife</i>	<i>Witchcraft</i>	<i>Peace</i>	<i>Love</i>
<i>Drunkenness</i>	<i>Self-control</i>	<i>Murder</i>	<i>Joy</i>
<i>Adultery</i>	<i>Idol worship</i>		

#### Answers

1) 20 years; 2) Gaza; 3) A harlot; 4) Compassed him and laid in wait for him; 5) In the morning; 6) Midnight; 7) Doors and posts of the city gate; 8) Hebron; 9) The LORD; 10) Wine or strong drink; 11) Nothing from the vine; 12) Cut it; 13) A dead body

*Love, Patience, Gentleness, Faith, Peace, Self-control, Joy and Kindness are of the Spirit. Cursing, Hate, Envy, Anger, Witchcraft, Strife, Drunkenness, Murder, Adultery, and Idol worship are of the flesh.*



## **Stop and Think!**

The LORD chose Samson before he was born to do a special work. He was to begin to deliver Israel from the Philistines.

Samson was to be a Nazarite. His mother had to keep the Nazarite rules while she was pregnant with him. He was to be separated unto the LORD. His life was meant to be holy to serve God. Others were meant to see he was different.

Sadly, Samson didn't always keep his Nazarite rules. He touched dead lion, dead donkey jawbone and dead bodies. His wedding feast was a drunken feast.

But there was one big problem Samson had. He loved beautiful women. He married a Philistine. This was against God's law. He went in to a prostitute. This was against God's law. We'll learn later how a woman was his downfall.

Samson didn't have great self control over his desires. But deep down in Samson's heart he knew the work God had for him to do. Samson did have faith in God (Hebrews 11v32). God did fill him at times with His Spirit (Judges 13v25; 14v6+19; 15v14).

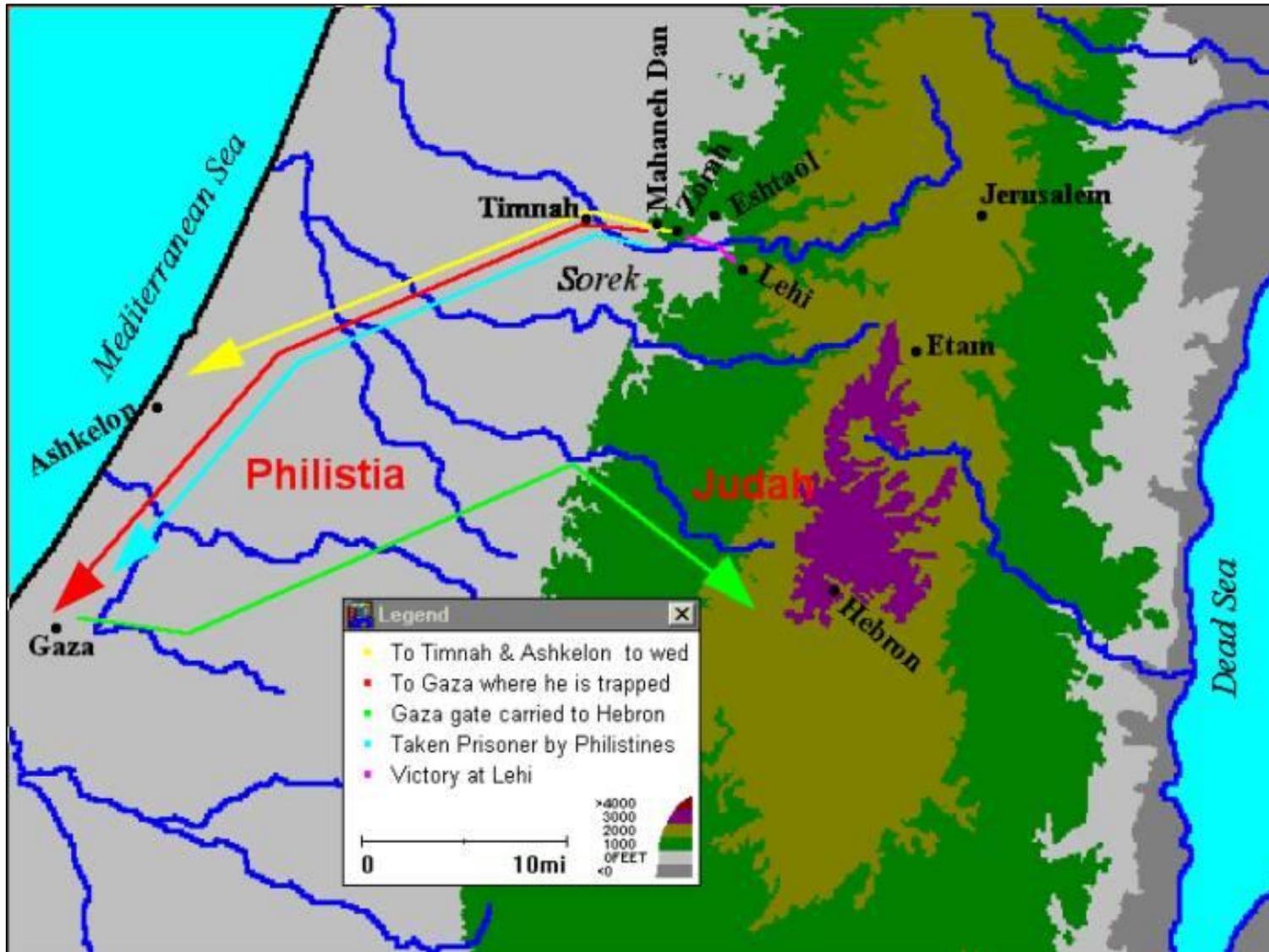
God used him despite his failures. But he did have a big struggle....between what he wanted....and what the LORD wanted.



If you are a true Christian there will be a struggle within you. It's a struggle between the flesh and the Spirit....a struggle between what you want and what the LORD wants.

***“Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.” (Galatians 5v16+17)***

Map showing places in the Life of Samson





## Old English words

Afar	Far away
Ass	Donkey
Aught	Anything at all
Befallen	Happened to
Dealt	Done
Dost, Doest	Do
Draw nigh	Come near
Fetch	Go and get
Gat	Get
Hence	From this place
Hereby	By this
Heretofore	Before now
Hindmost	Last
Hither	Here
Midst	Middle
Mixt	Mixed
Nigh	Near
Notwithstanding	Nevertheless, in spite of this
Peradventure	Perhaps
Plow	Plough
Selfsame	That same
Shew	Show

Thereon	On that
Therewith	With that
Thither	To there
Thou	You ( <i>singular</i> )
Thou art	You are
Thrust out	Cast out
Uttermost	Farthest
Whence	From where
Wherefore	Why
Wherewith	With which
Whilst	While
Whither	To where
Whomsoever	Whoever
Wilt	Will
Wit, wot, wist	Know
Wont to do	In the habit of doing
Wrought	Done, made

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