

Samson & Dark Days

Good news about Samson



The angel tells Samson's parents about their son.

Judges 13:5

THINK ABOUT THE STORY

What did the angel say about Samson before he was born?

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Judges 10-21

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MAIN POINTS

- Israel said it had sinned, then put away strange gods and served the LORD.
- God's Spirit came on Jephthah before Jephthah made his vow.
- The Spirit of the LORD made Samson strong; his hair was not magic.
- The last chapters show idols, violence, war, and Israel with no king.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. What did Israel do after admitting its sin in Judges 10?

Judges 17:5-13

2. Who made Samson strong when he did mighty acts?

Deuteronomy 12:8

3. Israel said, 'We have sinned,' then put away the strange gods and served the LORD (Judges 10:15-16). What wrong choice can you stop and replace with a right one?

Judges 10:15-16

MEMORY VERSE / Judges 16:28

Samson asks the Lord GOD to remember him and strengthen him once so that he may be avenged for his two eyes; he then takes hold of the middle pillars (Judges 16:28-29).

WEB

Samson called to Yahweh, and said, "Lord Yahweh, remember me, please, and strengthen me, please, only this once, God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes."

KJV

And Samson called unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.

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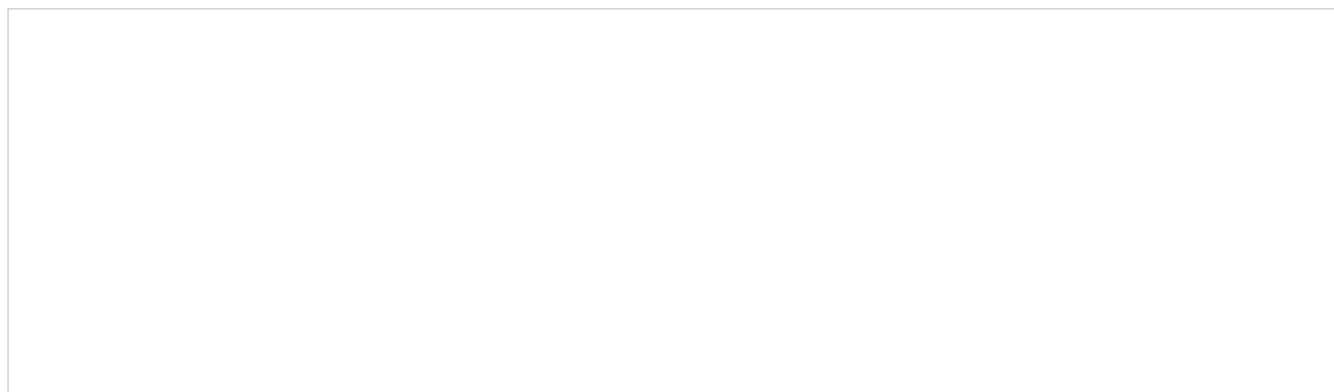
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WHAT I NOTICED

DRAW SOMETHING YOU WANT TO REMEMBER



ONE THING I WANT TO TRY

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- Samson's strength appears when the Spirit of the LORD comes mightily upon him, and Judges 16:20 says the LORD had departed from him.
- Judges 17-21 moves from private images and a hired priest to tribal violence, civil war, and the repeated statement that Israel had no king.

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1. What did Israel do after confessing its sin in Judges 10?

Judges 17:5-13

2. What source does Judges repeatedly name for Samson's strength?

Deuteronomy 12:8

3. Judges 10:15-16 joins confession with putting away strange gods and serving the LORD. What change would make one apology in your life visible?

Judges 10:15-16

MEMORY VERSE / Judges 21:25

After the war and the plans concerning Benjamin, Judges closes by stating that Israel had no king and every man did what was right in his own eyes (Judges 21:25).

WEB

In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did that which was right in his own eyes.

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2. What does Judges say about the source of Samson's strength?

Judges 14:6

3. Judges 10:15-16 joins confession with putting away strange gods and serving the LORD. Where does repentance in your life need a concrete change, not only words?

Judges 10:15-16

MEMORY VERSE / Judges 16:20

Samson expects to go out as before, but he does not know that the LORD has departed from him; the Philistines then seize, blind, and bind him (Judges 16:20-21).

WEB

She said, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" He awoke out of his sleep, and said, "I will go out as at other times, and shake myself free." But he didn't know that Yahweh had departed from him.

KJV

And she said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the LORD was departed from him.

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Judges 10:15-16

MEMORY VERSE / Judges 10:15-16

Israel confesses its sin, submits to what seems good to the LORD, asks for deliverance, puts away strange gods, and serves the LORD; His soul is grieved for Israel's misery (Judges 10:15-16).

WEB

The children of Israel said to Yahweh, "We have sinned! Do to us whatever seems good to you; only deliver us, please, today." They put away the foreign gods from among them and served Yahweh; and his soul was grieved for the misery of Israel.

KJV

And the children of Israel said unto the LORD, We have sinned: do thou unto us whatsoever seemeth good unto thee; deliver us only, we pray thee, this day. And they put away the strange gods from among them, and served the LORD: and his soul was grieved for the misery of Israel.

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