

“Samson Introduction”

Both Samson (and Israel) are:

- 1.) Miraculously born by the will of God.
- 2.) Called to a life a separation and devotion to God.
- 3.) Defined by rash, selfish behavior.
- 4.) Drawn to foreign women/drawn to foreign gods

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Cont'd.—Both Samson (and Israel) are:

- 5.) Brought into oppression and bondage of the enemy.
- 6.) Cry out to God from their oppression.
- 7.) Blinded as a result of their foolish behavior.
- 8.) Abandoned by God, and not aware of it (2:10; 16:20).

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Three Major Divisions of the Story of Samson:

- A.) Samson Birth Narrative,
(Judges 13:1-24)
- B.) Samson and the Timnite Woman,
(Judges 13:25-15:20)
- C.) Samson and the Gazite Woman,
(Judges 16:1-31)