

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*)

“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).

Deut. 12:8 Ye shall not do after all the things that we do here this day, every man whatsoever is right in his own eyes.

Judg. 14:3 And Samson said unto his father, Get her for me; for she pleaseth me well.

Judg. 17:6 In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

Judg. 21:25 In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

“Samson In Timnah”

Three Major Themes:

- 1.) Samson opposing God’s Will:
(Judges 14:1-3, 6-8)
- 2.) God’s Sovereign Will in Samson’s life:
(Judges 14:4-6, 19)
- 3.) The complications of not cooperating with God’s Will:
(Judges 14:10-18, 20)