

Major Event: SETTLEMENT

Lesson 4: Samson and Delilah

Scriptures: Judges Chapters 13-16

Central Text: Judges 16:5

5 For behold, you shall conceive and give birth to a son, and no razor shall come upon his head, for the boy shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel from the hands of the Philistines."

Suggested Subjects for Teacher to Cover:

- Israel again does evil in the site of the Lord and returns to bondage to the Philistines for 40 years. (Judges 13:1)
- The Lord promises and gives a deliverer to Israel through Manoah and his wife named Samson. Notice similarity to Abraham and Sara. Promise of the Messiah. (Judges 13:2-14)
- An angel appears to announce the birth of a son who would be set apart to God to defeat the Philistines. Samson was to be set apart and sanctified as Israel was to be. (Judges 13:2-5)
- A son is born to Manoah and his wife whom they call "Sun" and grows up with God's blessing (Judges 13:24)
- Many Philistines die by Samson's hand, not through God, but rather through acts of anger and jealousy by Samson. (Judges 14:1-15:8)
- Samson leaves his people, and falls in love with a Philistine woman (Note the permissive will of God and the covenant violation similarity with Israel). (Judges 14:1-4)
- Samson secretly breaks part of his Nazirite vow to be sanctified. Note similarity with the history of Israel (Judges 14:5-9)
- In a jealous rage Samson destroys the crops of the Philistines, but loses the life of his wife. (Judges 15:1-8).
- Loving Delilah more than his vow to God, Samson allowed her to interfere with his vows to God and he was deceived into servitude and loses his eyes. (Judges 16:4-21)
- Samson calls on the Lord and God graciously allows Samson to gain revenge over the Philistines as was the will of God for his life. (Judges 16:22-30)

Suggested Attributes for Teacher to Cover:

1. Of God: Righteousness, Holiness, Grace
2. Of Man: Pride, Arrogance, Lack of Faithfulness

Suggested Reading for Parents and Child at Home: Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Deuteronomy 32

Notes: In spite of Israel's sin and covenant violation, the Lord is faithful to keep his promise to Israel, in spite of continued cycles of sin and restoration, and delivers his people from the hands of the Philistines
Though Samson suffered the consequences of his sin by breaking his vow, many Philistines died with Samson for the Lord as was the will of God. (Judges 16:5)