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- 13:1 Now the sons of Israel again did evil in the eyes of Yahweh, so Yahweh gave them into the hand of the Philistines forty years.
- 13:2 And it happened [that there was] a certain man of Zorah ... and his wife was barren and had not borne children.
- Then the angel of Yahweh was seen by the woman and he said to her "Behold now, you are barren and have not borne children, but you shall conceive and bear a son.
- 13:4 Now therefore, be careful and do not drink wine or strong drink, and do not eat anything unclean.
- **13:5** For behold, you shall conceive and bear a son, and a razor shall not come upon his head, for a Nazirite to God he shall be, the young man, from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel from the hand of the Philistines.
- Then the woman bore a son and she called his name Samson; and the young man grew up and Yahweh blessed him.
- 13:25 And the Spirit of Yahweh began to stir him

Judges 14

- **14:1** Then Samson went down to Timnah and he saw a woman in Timnah, from the daughters of the Philistines.
- **14:2** So he went back and told his father and his mother, saying, "A woman I saw in Timnah, from the daughters of the Philistines; now you get her for me as a wife.
- 14:3 ... Her—get for me, for she looks right in my eyes."
- Then Samson and his father and his mother went down to Timnah, and came as far as the vineyards of Timnah
- **14:8** ... He turned aside to see the carcass of the lion; and behold, a swarm of bees were in the body of the lion—and honey.
- **14:9** So he scraped out the honeycomb into his hands and went on, going and eating. ...
- 14:10 ... Samson held a feast there, for the youngsters customarily held this.
- **14:19** ... He [Samson] went down to Ashkelon and struck down thirty men of them and took their spoil and gave the changes of garments to those who answered the riddle.

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Judges 16

- **I6:I** Now Samson went to Gaza and he saw there a woman, a prostitute, and he had relations with her.
- **16:4** And it happened after this that he loved a woman ..., and her name was Delilah.
- **16:5** The princes of the Philistines came up to her and said to her, "Entice him, and see from where his great strength [comes], and how we may overpower him, that we may bind him to afflict him. Then we—we will each give you eleven hundred pieces of silver."
- **16:6** So Delilah said to Samson, "Please tell me from where your great strength [comes] and how you may be bound to afflict you."
 - And Samson said to her, "If they will bind me with seven fresh sinews that have not been dried, then I will become weak and be like a man."
- Then Delilah said to Samson, "Behold, you have deceived me and spoken to me lies; now please tell me how you may be bound."
 - **16:II** And he said to her, "If they will bind me tightly with new ropes with which no work has been done, then I will become weak and be like a man."
- Then Delilah said to Samson, "Up to now you have deceived me and spoken to me lies; tell me how you may be bound."

 And he said to her, "If you will weave the seven locks of my hair with the web and fasten it with a pin, then I will become weak and be like a man."
- Then she said to him, "How can you say, 'I love you,' when your heart is not with me? These three times you have deceived me and you have not told me from where your great strength [comes]."
 - And it happened that when she pressed him with her words daily and urged him, that his soul was annoyed to death.
 - I6:17 And he told her all that was in his heart and he said to her, "A razor has not come upon my head, for a Nazirite to God I [have been] from my mother's womb. If I am shaved, then my strength will leave me and I will become weak and be like every man."
- I6:20 She [Delilah] said, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" And he awoke from his sleep and he said, "I will go out this time like other times and shake myself free." But he—he did not know that Yahweh—He had turned away from him.
- **16:30** And Samson said, "Let my soul die with the Philistines!" And he bent with his strength so that the house fell upon the princes and upon all the people who were in it. And so it happened that the dead whom he caused to die at his death were more than those whom he caused to die in his life.

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