



## A JUDGE IS BORN Judges 13:1-25

### INTRODUCTION

#### I. THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF SAMSON'S BIRTH

##### A. It Came As A Heavenly Announcement - v. 2-5

Who is this "**Angel of the Lord**"? Pre-incarnate appearance of Christ. In **verse 18**, Manoah asks the Angel about His name.

The Angel replies that His name is "**secret**".

→ This is the same word that is translated "**wonderful**" in **Isa. 9:6!**

A few more of His "**Christophanies**" are:

- He appeared to **Hagar**, **Gen. 16:7-14**, **Gen. 21:16-20**
- He appeared to **Abraham**, **Gen. 18:10**; **Gen. 18:17**, **Gen. 22:11**
- He appeared to **Jacob**, **Gen. 28:12-15**, **Gen. 32:24-30**
- He appeared to **Moses**, **Exod. 3:4-5**, **Exod. 23:20**, **Exod. 33:22**
- He appeared to **Joshua**, **Josh. 5:13-15**
- He appeared to **Gideon**, **Judg. 6:11-24**
- He appeared to **Samson's parents**, **Judg. 13**
- He appeared to **Isaiah**, **Isa. 6:1-13**
- He appeared to the **three Hebrews**, **Dan. 3:24-25**
- He appeared to **Daniel**, **Dan. 6:21-22**, **Dan. 7:13-14**, **Dan. 10:5-6**
- He appeared to **Zechariah**, **Zech. 1:8-13**; **2:8-11**; **3:10**; **6:12-15**

*"When God wants to do something really great in His world,  
He doesn't send an army but an angel."* Warren Weirsbe

→ He received the worship of Manoah and his wife, and He accepted the sacrifice they offered to God, **vv. 19-21**.

## B. It Came As A Hopeful Announcement

### II. THE ARRANGEMENTS OF SAMSON'S BIRTH

#### A. It Involved A Miracle – v. 3

Matt. 10:29-31; Matt. 6:25-22; Heb. 4:15-16; 1 Pet. 5:7.

#### B. It Involved A Mandate – v. 4-5, 14

The Nazarite vow can be found in Num. 6:1-8.

#### C. It Involved A Ministry – v. 5

### III. THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF SAMSON'S BIRTH

#### A. The Realization Of His Birth – v. 24a

God always keeps His promises!

He cannot lie, Heb. 6:18, Num. 23:19; Titus 1:2.

He stands by every promise He has ever made. Rom. 4:21; 2 Cor. 1:20.

*“Samson”* - literally means *“like the sun”*.

#### B. The Relationship Of His Birth – v. 24b

#### C. The Reward Of His Birth

We are told that God began to *“move him”*. means *“to thrust, to impel, to push”*.

### **Apply These Truths**

1. ***Look at your relationship with the Lord.*** Is it all it should be? Are you completely sold out to Him? Are you as available to Him as you should be? Are you even saved?
2. ***Look at your relationship with the Holy Spirit.*** When He moves you, do you respond in humble, swift obedience?
3. ***Look at your relationship with your children.*** Are you raising them for God? Are you giving them every spiritual advantage possible?
4. ***Look at your relationship with your spouse.*** Is your spouse your best friend?