

# JUDGES 13 vs 1

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The author of this book is uncertain, some suggest Samuel, the high priest. It was written around 1050-1000bc. The events in the book cover the stormy period of the history of Israel between their return from Egypt until the time a monarchy was set in place. The judges were military and civil leaders during the confederacy of the 12 tribes plus Ephraim and Manasseh who occupied the land promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Philistine oppression and the birth of Samson,

<sup>1</sup> **And the children of Israel** / remember what the name means: **Isra = ruled** + **El = God** : it was to be an honorable name describing the people of God; but instead.

## The Book of Judges



**again did evil in the sight of the LORD; and the Lord delivered them into the hand of the Philistines forty years** / as long as they wandered in the desert; so they had not learned much.

<sup>2</sup> **And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren, and bare no child.**

<sup>3</sup> **And the angel of the LORD appeared to the woman, and said to her, Behold now, you are barren, and have not borne: but you will conceive, and bear a son.**

<sup>4</sup> **So now be careful, please do not drink wine or strong drink, and eat no unclean thing:**

<sup>5</sup> **For, lo, you will conceive, and bear a son; and no razor will come upon his head: for the child will be a Nazarite to God from the womb: and he will begin to deliver Israel from the hand of the Philistines.**

<sup>6</sup> **Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, A man of God came to me, and his appearance was like the appearance of the angel of God, very awesome: but I did not ask him where he was from, nor did he tell me his name:**

<sup>7</sup> **But he said to me, Behold, you will conceive, and bear a son; and now drink no wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing: for the child will be a Nazarite to God from the womb to the day he dies.**

<sup>8</sup> **Then Manoah entreated the LORD, and said, O my LORD, let the man of God who you sent come again to us, and teach us what to do to the child who will be born.**

<sup>9</sup> **And God listened to the voice of Manoah; and the angel of God came again to the woman as she sat in the field: but Manoah her husband was not with her.**

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**10 And the woman ran quickly, and told her husband, and said to him, Behold, the man has appeared to me, who came to me the other day.**

**11 And Manoah arose, and followed his wife, and came to the man, and said to him, Are you the man who spoke to the woman? And he said, I am.**

**12 And Manoah said, Now when your words happen, how will we instruct the child, and what will be his occupation?**

**13 And the angel of the LORD said to Manoah, let the woman do all I instructed her.**

**14 She should not eat anything that comes from the vine, nor drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing: all that I instructed her, let her do.**

**15 And Manoah said to the angel of the LORD, Please, let us detain you, until we prepare a kid-goat for you.**

**16 And the angel of the LORD said to Manoah, Though you detain me, I will not eat your food: and if you will offer a burnt offering, you must offer it to the LORD. For Manoah did not perceive he was the angel of the LORD.**

**17 And Manoah said to the angel of the LORD, What is your name, that when your sayings happen we may honor you?**

**18 And the angel of the LORD said to him, Why do you ask my name, seeing it is secret?**

**19 So Manoah took a kid-goat with a meat offering, and offered it upon a rock to the LORD: and the angel did wonders; as Manoah and his wife looked on.**

**20 For it happened, when the flame went up toward heaven from the altar, that the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar. And when Manoah and his wife saw this, they fell with their faces to the ground.**

**21 Now the angel of the LORD appeared no more to Manoah and to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he was the angel of the LORD.**

**22 And Manoah said to his wife, We will surely die, for we have seen God.**

**23 But his wife said to him,**

**If the LORD desired to kill us, He would not have received a burnt offering and a meat offering from our hands, nor would He show us all these things, or let us hear such things like this at this time.**

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<sup>24</sup> And the woman gave birth to a son, and called his name Samson: and the child grew, and the LORD blessed him.

<sup>25</sup> And the Spirit of the LORD began to move him at times in the camp of Dan between Zorah and Eshtaol / 36 times Samson is mentioned in the bible, but we really don't learn about Samson to emulate him – being brawny or clever, because no matter how strong Samson was, he was not his own savior; he also needed the Lord.

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