

JUDGES 15 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.

The Book of Judges



The feats of Samson,

¹ But it happened after a while, in the time of wheat harvest, that Samson visited his wife with a kid-goat; and he said, I will go in to my wife into her chamber. But her father would not permit him to enter.

² And her father said, I truly thought that you utterly hated her; so I gave her to your friend: is not her younger sister more beautiful than she? Please take her instead.

³ And Samson said to them, This time I will be more blameless than the Philistines, though I do them harm.

⁴ And Samson went and caught three hundred foxes, and took torches, and turned tail to tail, and put one torch in the middle between two tails.

⁵ And when he had lit the torches, he let them run into the standing corn of the Philistines, and burned up both the shocks and the standing grain, along with the vineyards and olives.

⁶ Then the Philistines said, Who did this? And they answered, Samson, the son in law of the Timnite, because he took his wife, and gave her to his friend. And the Philistines came up, and burned her and her father with fire.

⁷ And Samson said to them, Though you have done this, yet I will take revenge on you, and after that I will stop.

⁸ And he thrashed them hip and thigh with a great slaughter: and he went down and lived in the cleft of the rock Etam.

⁹ Then the Philistines went up, and camped in Judah, and spread themselves in Lehi.

¹⁰ And the men of Judah said, Why have you come up against us?

And they answered, We have come up to bind Samson; to do to him as he has done to us.

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¹¹ Then 3,000 men of Judah went to the cleft of the rock Etam, and said to Samson, Do you not know that the Philistines are rulers over us? What is this that you have done to us? And he said to them, As they did to me, so have I done to them.

¹² And they said to him, We have come to bind you, that we deliver you into the hand of the Philistines. And Samson said to them, Swear to me, that you will not kill me yourselves.

¹³ So they said to him, No; but we will bind you firmly, and deliver you into their hand: but surely we will not kill you. And they bound him with two new cords, and brought him up from the rock.

¹⁴ And when he came to Lehi, the Philistines shouted against him: and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and the cords which were on his arms became as flax that was burnt with fire, and his bands snapped loose from his hands.

¹⁵ And he found a new jawbone of an ass, and put forth his hand, and grabbed it, and killed 1,000 men with it.

¹⁶ And Samson said, **With the jawbone of an ass**, piles upon piles,

with the jawbone of an ass I slaughtered 1,000 men.

¹⁷ And it happened, when he ended speaking, that he hurled away the jawbone in his hand, and called that place Ramath-lehi.

¹⁸ And he was very thirsty, and called on the LORD, and said, You have given this great deliverance into the hand of Your servant: and will I now die of thirst, and fall into the hand of the uncircumcised?

¹⁹ But God cut a hollow place that was in the jawbone, and out of it came water; and when he drank, his spirit came again, and he revived: so he named it Enhakkore, which is in Lehi to this day.

²⁰ And he judged Israel twenty years, in the days of the Philistines.

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