

Samson Against the Philistines ¹

Lesson Text: **Judges 15:9-20**

Related Scriptures: **Judges 14:1-58; Psalm 118:10-14**
Judges 3:31; Isaiah 41:17-20

TIME: 1068 B.C.

PLACE: Timnah; near Lehi

GOLDEN TEXT: *“The Lord is my strength and song, and is become my salvation” (Psalm 118:14 KJV)*

Scripture Lesson Text

Judges 15:9-20

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

10 And the men of Judah said, why are ye come up against us? And they answered, to bind Samson are we come up, to do to him as he hath done to us.

11 Then three thousand men of Judah went to the top of the rock Etam, and said to Samson, knowest thou not that the Philistines are rulers over us? what is this that thou hast done unto us? And he said unto them, as they did unto me, so have I done unto them.

12 And they said unto him, we are come down to bind thee, that we may deliver thee into the hand of the Philistines. And Samson said unto them, swear unto me, that ye will not fall upon me yourselves.

13 And they spake unto him, saying, no; but we will bind thee fast, and deliver thee into their hand: but surely we will not kill thee. And they bound him with two new cords, and brought him up from the rock.

14 And when he came unto Lehi, the Philistines shouted against him: and the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him, and the cords that were upon his arms became as flax that was burnt with fire, and his bands loosed from off his hands.

15 And he found a new jawbone of an ass, and put forth his hand, and took it, and slew a thousand men therewith.

16 And Samson said, With the jawbone of an ass, heaps upon heaps, with the jaw of an ass have I slain a thousand men.

17 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking, that he cast away the jawbone out of his hand, and called that place Ramathlehi. (Jawbone Hill)

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18 And he was sore athirst, and called on the Lord, and said, thou hast given this great deliverance into the hand of thy servant: and now shall I die for thirst, and fall into the hand of the uncircumcised?

19 But God clave an hollow place that was in the jaw, and there came water thereout; and when he had drunk, his spirit came again, and he revived: wherefore he called the name thereof Enhakkore, (the spring of him that called). which is in Lehi unto this day.

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

Lesson Aim

Facts: To see that personal revenge is a dangerous and destructive motivation that only brings harm, never healing.

Principle: To accept that God wants us to trust Him to right the wrongs that have been committed against us.

Application: To realize that putting away our desire for revenge requires faith as we seek to please the lord rather than hurt our enemies.

Introduction: Samson was a man who was gifted by God in a unique way. Equipped with strength that no one else ever had, he was able to accomplish great exploits that impressed and scared people at the same time. Unfortunately, he often used this gift for selfish purposes.

I. Developing the Lesson

- a. Samson and his fellow Israelites (Judges 15:9-13)
- b. Samson and the Philistines (Judges 15:14-20)

II. Studying the Text

a. Samson's Plea for Life (Judges 15:9-13)

- i. Attack (Judges 15:9)
- ii. Approach (Judges 15:10-11)
- iii. Assurance (Judges 15:12-13)

b. Samson's Power on Display (Judges 15:14-17)

- i. Spirit-empowered (judges 15:14-15)
- ii. Success enabled (Judges 15:16-17)

c. Samson's Prayer for Water (Judges 15:18-20)

- i. Request (Judges 15:18)
- ii. Response (Judges 15:19-20)

III. Conclusion

IV. Closing Prayer

Daily Bible Readings for Home Study and Worship

For: 05 July 2020

Samson Final Victory

Monday-Samson Put to the Test (**Judges 16:1-9**)

Tuesday- Samson Betrays His Secret (**Judges 16:10-20**)

Wednesday- God's Ark in Dagon's Temple (**1st Samuel 5:1-5**)

Thursday- Desecration of Holy Vessels (**Daniel 5:1-4, 23-30**)

Friday-Blaspheming the Lord's Name (**Psalms 74:18-23**)

Saturday-Ready to Die for the Lord (**Acts 21:10-14**)

Sunday-Samson's Death and Triumph (**Judges 16:21-30**)