

April 4/Day 94

Judges 13

Verse 1

- What did Israel do again? Have you noticed a pattern? Even though they acknowledge their sin and cry out to God, soon they forget His deliverance and turn again to idolatry.

Verses 2-7

- What was going on with Manoah's wife?
- Who appeared and spoke to her? Do you remember who this is?
- What would the boy be? What will he do?
- A Nazirite is set apart to the service of God, under vows to abstain from alcohol, let his hair grow, and avoid becoming defiled by touching anything unclean or dead. This is detailed in Numbers chapter 6.
- How much of his life would be set apart for God?

Verses 8-14

- What was Manoah's request?
- How did God respond?

Verses 15-20

- What should Manoah offer to the LORD?
- What happened when he made the offering?

Verses 21-23

- Who did Manoah's wife say they had seen? So, who is the angel of the LORD?

Verses 24-25

- What was the name of the son promised by the angel of the LORD?
- What did the Spirit of the LORD do to him?

Judges 14

Verses 1-4

- What did Samson ask of his parents? Does it seem like they coddled him? Maybe because they believed he was special based on the message from God.

- What was the nationality of the woman? What had God said about intermarrying with the nations around them?
- Why did Samson insist? Do you remember how Eve's eyesight got us all in trouble?
- However, in the sovereignty of God, how was Samson's attraction to this woman beneficial to God's plan?

Verses 5-9

- What came upon Samson to give him the strength to overcome the lion?
- Note: there were lions in the territory of Israel.
- What was inside the corpse of the lion when Samson passed back through?
- What did he do with the honey?
- According to the Nazirite vow, was it okay for him to touch the lion corpse? What did this act do to Samson?

Verses 10-17

- What did Samson's companions (who were really not his friends but were Philistines) threaten to do to his wife and her family when they could not figure out his riddle?
- What did she do for seven days? Do you think he got tired of hearing it? Maybe he regretted getting together with her?

Verses 18-20

- What came upon him to give him strength? What is the application for believer's today who have the Holy Spirit with them at all times?
- What did he do with this strength in his anger?

Judges 15

Verses 1-8

- When Samson came again to see his wife, what had happened to her?
- How did he get revenge?
- What happened to his wife and her family? Interesting it happened just as they threatened before.

Verses 9-13

- Why did the Philistines go up to Judah?
- What was the relationship between the Philistines and Israel at this time?

Verses 14-15

- What came upon Samson to give him strength?
- What did he do with this strength?

Verses 16-20

- How did God provide water for Samson?
- What happened to him after he drank?
- How long did he judge Israel in the days of the Philistines?
- Samson is not my favorite judge. He seems to be an arrogant womanizer. We'll see more tomorrow. But, though his character was not the best and he seemed not to honor his vow and his calling, did God still use Him?

See you tomorrow.