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***The God of Jeshurun*** [***Judges 13-16***](swordsearcher://bible/judg13-16) ***with*** [**Psalm 37**](swordsearcher://bible/ps37)

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*There is* none like unto the God of Jeshurun, *who* rideth upon the heaven in thy help, and in his excellency on the sky.

The eternal God *is thy* refuge, and underneath *are* the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy *them*.

Israel then shall dwell in safety alone: the fountain of Jacob *shall be* upon a land of corn and wine; also, his heavens shall drop down dew.

Happy *art* thou, O Israel: who *is* like unto thee, O people saved by the LORD, the shield of thy help, and who *is* the sword of thy excellency!

And thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee; and thou shalt tread upon their high places.

[**Deuteronomy** 33:26-29](swordsearcher://bible/de33.26-29)

**The God of Jeshurun**

**I. The Condition of Israel after Abimelech**

After the tragic, so-called reign of Abimelech, the LORD sent two more Judges, Tolah and Jair, to deliver Israel and subsequently Israel continued to serve Canaanite gods. After Jair died we read:

[**Judges 10:6**](swordsearcher://bible/judg10.6-14) And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD, and served Baalim, and Ashtaroth, and the gods of Syria, and the gods of Zidon, and the gods of Moab, and the gods of the children of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines, and forsook the LORD, and served not him.  
**Judges 10:7** And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he sold them into the hands of the Philistines, and into the hands of the children of Ammon.  
**Judges 10:8** And that year they vexed and oppressed the children of Israel: eighteen years, all the children of Israel that *were* on the other side Jordan in the land of the Amorites, which *is* in Gilead.  
**Judges 10:9** Moreover the children of Ammon passed over Jordan to fight also against Judah, and against Benjamin, and against the house of Ephraim; so that Israel was sore distressed.  
**Judges 10:10** And the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, saying, We have sinned against thee, both because we have forsaken our God, and also served Baalim.  
**Judges 10:11** And the LORD said unto the children of Israel, *Did* not *I deliver you* from the Egyptians, and from the Amorites, from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines?  
**Judges 10:12** The Zidonians also, and the Amalekites, and the Maonites, did oppress you; and ye cried to me, and I delivered you out of their hand.  
**Judges 10:13** Yet ye have forsaken me, and served other gods: wherefore I will deliver you no more.  
**Judges 10:14** Go and cry unto the gods which ye have chosen; let them deliver you in the time of your tribulation.

Now is probably the right time to realize the time of the judges was recorded so we would have a type of the coming Tribulation period. We live in the time of the “last days” ([Acts 2](swordsearcher://bible/acts2)) and the next prophetic event on the world scene will be the Tribulation period, “the last seven years of the last days”.

Of course, the LORD will remove His righteous remnant out of this world before the judgment comes as He stipulated by type in the days of Abraham’s intercession of the righteous Lot dwelling in Sodom, a type of the Tribulation ([Genesis 18:16-33](swordsearcher://bible/genesis18.16-33)); Joseph, and his taking of a Gentile bride before the plagues of Egypt, a type of the Tribulation ([Genesis 41:45](swordsearcher://bible/genesis41.45)); and Moses, who took a Gentile bride before the famine of Egypt, a type of the great Tribulation ([Exodus 2:21](swordsearcher://bible/ex2.21)). There is also [I Thessalonians 2](swordsearcher://bible/1thess2), which places the Tribulation period between the rapture and the second coming of Jesus Christ; but in [Matthew 24](swordsearcher://bible/matt24:37-39), Jesus announced His second coming as the Days of Noah with Noah and his family standing in the typical place of the remnant of Israel which will be saved out of the Great tribulation - showing the purpose of the tribulation, as in [Jeremiah 30:7](swordsearcher://bible/jer30.7). Knowing God’s purpose in His Word is very important for interpretation.

The story of Judges summarized is, “In those days *there was* no king in Israel, *but* every man did *that which was* right in his own eyes.” [Judges 17:6](swordsearcher://bible/judges17.6). Judges is the period after Joshua’s death until Saul is king, while the Tribulation period will be a lawless time just before Christ’s Kingdom. ([Matthew 24](swordsearcher://bible/matt24))

**II.** **The Birth and Calling of Samson**

**The LORD delivered the children of Israel into the hand of the Philistines**

**[Judges 13:1](swordsearcher://bible/judges13.1-2)** And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD delivered them into the hand of the Philistines forty years.

**A Danite in Zorah, Menoah, and his wife who is barren**  
[**Judges 13:2**](swordsearcher://bible/judges13.2) 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 not.

**The Angel of the LORD Appears**  
[**Judges 13:3**](swordsearcher://bible/judges13.3-5) And the angel of the LORD appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou *art* barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son.  
**Judges 13:4** Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean *thing*:  
**Judges 13:5** For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no rasor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.

**The woman relates this news to her husband, Manoah**  
[**Judges 13:6**](swordsearcher://bible/judges13.6-7) Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, A man of God came unto me, and his countenance *was* like the countenance of an angel of God, very terrible: but I asked him not whence he *was*, neither told he me his name:  
**Judges 13:7** But he said unto me, Behold, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and now drink no wine nor strong drink, neither eat any unclean *thing*: for the child shall be a Nazarite to God from the womb to the day of his death.

**Manoah seeks the LORD – Notice he approaches God with faith**  
[**Judges 13:8**](swordsearcher://bible/judges13.8) Then Manoah intreated the LORD, and said, O my Lord, let the man of God which thou didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born.

**God hearkened to the voice of Manoah**  
[**Judges 13:9**](swordsearcher://bible/judges13.9-11) And God hearkened to the voice of Manoah; and the angel of God came again unto the woman as she sat in the field: but Manoah her husband *was* not with her.  
**Judges 13:10** And the woman made haste, and ran, and shewed her husband, and said unto him, Behold, the man hath appeared unto me, that came unto me the *other* day.  
**Judges 13:11** And Manoah arose, and went after his wife, and came to the man, and said unto him, *Art* thou the man that spakest unto the woman? And he said, I *am*.

**How shall we order the child**  
[**Judges 13:12**](swordsearcher://bible/judges13.12-14) And Manoah said, Now let thy words come to pass. How shall we order the child, and *how* shall we do unto him?  
**Judges 13:13** And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, Of all that I said unto the woman let her beware.  
**Judges 13:14** She may not eat of any *thing* that cometh of the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean *thing*: all that I commanded her let her observe.

**Stay and eat with us (Manoah did not know that this was an angel of the LORD)**  
[**Judges 13:15**](swordsearcher://bible/judges13.15) And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, I pray thee, let us detain thee, until we shall have made ready a kid for thee.

**Christ sets up His classroom**  
[**Judges 13:16**](swordsearcher://bible/judges13.16) And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, Though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy bread: and if thou wilt offer a burnt offering, thou must offer it unto the LORD. For Manoah knew not that he *was* an angel of the LORD.

**What is thy name? (The Angel gives the answer – Christ’s name was a secret because Manoah did not know it – His name shall be: “wonderful” - 1st on the list in** [Isaiah 9:6](swordsearcher://bible/isa9.6-7)**) (reminds us of** [John 3](swordsearcher://bible/john3)**)**[**Judges 13:17**](swordsearcher://bible/judges13.17-19) And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, What *is* thy name, that when thy sayings come to pass we may do thee honour?  
**Judges 13:18** And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Why askest thou thus after my name, seeing it *is* secret? (Hebrew word for secret – *Pilee* translated here secret)  
**Judges 13:19** So Manoah took a kid with a meat offering, and offered *it* upon a rock unto the LORD: and *the angel* did wondrously; and Manoah and his wife looked on. (Hebrew word for wonderful(ly) – *Pilee*)  
**The Angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the sacrifice**

[**Judges 13:20**](swordsearcher://bible/judg13.20) For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar. And Manoah and his wife looked on *it*, and fell on their faces to the ground.

**Now, Manoah knows who that Angel is – 3 reasons Manoah’s wife knew they would not die then**  
[**Judges 13:21**](swordsearcher://bible/judg13.21-23) But the angel of the LORD did no more appear to Manoah and to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he *was* an angel of the LORD.  
**Judges 13:22** And Manoah said unto his wife, We shall surely die, because we have seen God.  
**Judges 13:23** But his wife said unto him, If the LORD were pleased to kill us, he would not have received a burnt offering and a meat offering at our hands, neither would he have shewed us all these *things*, nor would as at this time have told us *such things* as these.

**Samson is born**  
[**Judges 13:24**](swordsearcher://bible/judg13.24) And the woman bare a son, and called his name Samson: and the child grew, and the LORD blessed him.

**III. To Preserve Israel as a People**

**Samson was moved by the holy Spirit at times**  
[**Judges 13:25**](swordsearcher://bible/judg13.25) And the Spirit of the LORD began to move him at times in the camp of Dan between Zorah and Eshtaol.

**Samson went down to Timnath**

[**Judges 14:1**](swordsearcher://bible/judg14.1-5) And Samson went down to Timnath, and saw a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines.  
**Judges 14:2** And he came up, and told his father and his mother, and said, I have seen a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines: now therefore get her for me to wife.  
**Judges 14:3** Then his father and his mother said unto him, *Is there* never a woman among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the uncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said unto his father, Get her for me; for she pleaseth me well.  
**Judges 14:4** But his father and his mother knew not that it *was* of the LORD, that he sought an occasion against the Philistines: for at that time the Philistines had dominion over Israel.  
**Judges 14:5** Then went Samson down, and his father and his mother, to Timnath, and came to the vineyards of Timnath: and, behold, a young lion roared against him.

**Samson kills a lion by the power of the Holy Spirit**  
[**Judges 14:6**](swordsearcher://bible/judg14.6) And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and *he had* nothing in his hand: but he told not his father or his mother what he had done.

**Samsom talks with the woman**  
[**Judges 14:7**](swordsearcher://bible/judg14.7) And he went down, and talked with the woman; and she pleased Samson well.

**Samson finds a honey bee nest in the carcass of the lion he had killed – (Breaking the Nazarite vow?)**  
[**Judges 14:8**](swordsearcher://bible/judg14.8-9) And after a time he returned to take her, and he turned aside to see the carcase of the lion: and, behold, *there was* a swarm of bees and honey in the carcase of the lion.  
**Judges 14:9** And he took thereof in his hands, and went on eating, and came to his father and mother, and he gave them, and they did eat: but he told not them that he had taken the honey out of the carcase of the lion.

**A feast is prepared**   
[**Judges 14:10**](swordsearcher://bible/judg14.10-11) So his father went down unto the woman: and Samson made there a feast; for so used the young men to do.  
**Judges 14:11** And it came to pass, when they saw him, that they brought thirty companions to be with him.

**I will now put forth a riddle with a prize if you can “find it out” within the seven day feast**  
[**Judges 14:12**](swordsearcher://bible/judg14.12-13) And Samson said unto them, I will now put forth a riddle unto you: if ye can certainly declare it me within the seven days of the feast, and find *it* out, then I will give you thirty sheets and thirty change of garments:  
**Judges 14:13** But if ye cannot declare *it* me, then shall ye give me thirty sheets and thirty change of garments. And they said unto him, Put forth thy riddle, that we may hear it.

**Here's the riddle in which they could not expound upon it the first three days**  
[**Judges 14:14**](swordsearcher://bible/judg14.14) And he said unto them, Out of the eater came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth sweetness. And they could not in three days expound the riddle.

**On the last day of the feast, the companions seek out Samson’s wife**  
[**Judges 14:15**](swordsearcher://bible/judg14.15) And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they said unto Samson's wife, Entice thy husband, that he may declare unto us the riddle, lest we burn thee and thy father's house with fire: have ye called us to take that we have? *is it* not *so*?

**Samson’s wife learns of the riddle from Samson**  
[**Judges 14:16**](swordsearcher://bible/judg14.16-18) And Samson's wife wept before him, and said, Thou dost but hate me, and lovest me not: thou hast put forth a riddle unto the children of my people, and hast not told *it* me. And he said unto her, Behold, I have not told *it* my father nor my mother, and shall I tell *it* thee?  
**Judges 14:17** And she wept before him the seven days, while their feast lasted: and it came to pass on the seventh day, that he told her, because she lay sore upon him: and she told the riddle to the children of her people.  
**Judges 14:18** And the men of the city said unto him on the seventh day before the sun went down, What *is* sweeter than honey? and what *is* stronger than a lion? And he said unto them, If ye had not plowed with my heifer, ye had not found out my riddle.

**Samson kills 30 inhabitants of Askelon to pay off his debt**  
[**Judges 14:19**](swordsearcher://bible/judg14.19) And the Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he went down to Ashkelon, and slew thirty men of them, and took their spoil, and gave change of garments unto them which expounded the riddle. And his anger was kindled, and he went up to his father's house.

**The father of Samson’s wife gave her to Sampson’s “friend”**  
[**Judges 14:20**](swordsearcher://bible/judg14.20) But Samson's wife was *given* to his companion, whom he had used as his friend.

**A few months later, Samson returns to his wife with a kid goat**

[**Judges 15:1**](swordsearcher://bible/judg15.1) But it came to pass within a while after, in the time of wheat harvest, that Samson visited his wife with a kid; and he said, I will go in to my wife into the chamber. But her father would not suffer him to go in.

**Samson’s father-in-law explains**  
[**Judges 15:2**](swordsearcher://bible/judg15.2) And her father said, I verily thought that thou hadst utterly hated her; therefore I gave her to thy companion: *is* not her younger sister fairer than she? take her, I pray thee, instead of her.

**Sampson burns the crop of the Philistines with 300 fox and firebrands**  
[**Judges 15:3**](swordsearcher://bible/judg15.3-5) And Samson said concerning them, Now shall I be more blameless than the Philistines, though I do them a displeasure.  
**Judges 15:4** And Samson went and caught three hundred foxes, and took firebrands, and turned tail to tail, and put a firebrand in the midst between two tails.  
**Judges 15:5** And when he had set the brands on fire, he let *them* go into the standing corn of the Philistines, and burnt up both the shocks, and also the standing corn, with the vineyards *and* olives.

**Who burnt all the crop? – Upon finding out, the Philistines burn the house of Samson’s father-in-law**  
[**Judges 15:6**](swordsearcher://bible/judg15.6) Then the Philistines said, Who hath done this? And they answered, Samson, the son in law of the Timnite, because he had taken his wife, and given her to his companion. And the Philistines came up, and burnt her and her father with fire.

**Yet will I be avenged of you**  
[**Judges 15:7**](swordsearcher://bible/judg15.7-8) And Samson said unto them, Though ye have done this, yet will I be avenged of you, and after that I will cease.  
**Judges 15:8** And he smote them hip and thigh with a great slaughter: and he went down and dwelt in the top of the rock Etam.

**The Philistines pitched in Judah**  
[**Judges 15:9**](swordsearcher://bible/judg15.9-13) Then the Philistines went up, and pitched in Judah, and spread themselves in Lehi.  
**Judges 15:10** 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.  
**Judges 15:11** 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.  
**Judges 15:12** 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.  
**Judges 15:13** 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.

**Samson slays 1000 men with a donkey’s jaw bone**  
[**Judges 15:14**](swordsearcher://bible/judg15.14-17) *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.  
**Judges 15:15** And he found a new jawbone of an ass, and put forth his hand, and took it, and slew a thousand men therewith.  
**Judges 15:16** And Samson said, With the jawbone of an ass, heaps upon heaps, with the jaw of an ass have I slain a thousand men.  
**Judges 15:17** 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 Ramath-lehi.

**Samson was sore athirst**  
[**Judges 15:18**](swordsearcher://bible/judg15.18-19) 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?  
**Judges 15:19** 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 En-hakkore, which *is* in Lehi unto this day.

**Samson judged Israel 20 years**  
[**Judges 15:20**](swordsearcher://bible/judg15.20) And he judged Israel in the days of the Philistines twenty years.

**The Gazites lay wait for Samson to appear**

[**Judges 16:1**](swordsearcher://bible/judg16.1-2) Then went Samson to Gaza, and saw there an harlot, and went in unto her.  
**Judges 16:2** *And it was told* the Gazites, saying, Samson is come hither. And they compassed *him* in, and laid wait for him all night in the gate of the city, and were quiet all the night, saying, In the morning, when it is day, we shall kill him.

**But Samson took the gate off the hinges at midnight – carried them to the top of a hill before Hebron**  
[**Judges 16:3**](swordsearcher://bible/judg16.3) And Samson lay till midnight, and arose at midnight, and took the doors of the gate of the city, and the two posts, and went away with them, bar and all, and put *them* upon his shoulders, and carried them up to the top of an hill that *is* before Hebron.

**IV. Samson and Delilah**

**Samson loved a woman of Sorek names Delilah**[**Judges 16:4**](swordsearcher://bible/judg16.4) And it came to pass afterward, that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name *was* Delilah.

**The lords of the Philistines entice Delilah to question Samson as to the source of his strength**  
[**Judges 16:5**](swordsearcher://bible/judg16.5) And the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and said unto her, Entice him, and see wherein his great strength *lieth*, and by what *means* we may prevail against him, that we may bind him to afflict him: and we will give thee every one of us eleven hundred *pieces* of silver.

**The first deception of Delilah (or Samson’s first game played with Delilah)**  
[**Judges 16:6**](swordsearcher://bible/judg16.6-9) And Delilah said to Samson, Tell me, I pray thee, wherein thy great strength *lieth*, and wherewith thou mightest be bound to afflict thee.  
**Judges 16:7** And Samson said unto her, If they bind me with seven green withs that were never dried, then shall I be weak, and be as another man.  
**Judges 16:8** Then the lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven green withs which had not been dried, and she bound him with them.  
**Judges 16:9** Now *there were* men lying in wait, abiding with her in the chamber. And she said unto him, The Philistines *be* upon thee, Samson. And he brake the withs, as a thread of tow is broken when it toucheth the fire. So, his strength was not known.

**The second deception or game**  
[**Judges 16:10**](swordsearcher://bible/judg16.10-12) And Delilah said unto Samson, Behold, thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: now tell me, I pray thee, wherewith thou mightest be bound.  
**Judges 16:11** And he said unto her, If they bind me fast with new ropes that never were occupied, then shall I be weak, and be as another man.  
**Judges 16:12** Delilah therefore took new ropes, and bound him therewith, and said unto him, The Philistines *be* upon thee, Samson. And *there were* liers in wait abiding in the chamber. And he brake them from off his arms like a thread.

**The third deception – or game played by samson**  
**[Judges 16:13](swordsearcher://bible/judg16.13-14)** And Delilah said unto Samson, Hitherto thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: tell me wherewith thou mightest be bound. And he said unto her, If thou weavest the seven locks of my head with the web.  
**Judges 16:14** And she fastened *it* with the pin, and said unto him, The Philistines *be* upon thee, Samson. And he awaked out of his sleep, and went away with the pin of the beam, and with the web.

**The fourth deception – Samson deceives himself** **– The result – the failing of religion**  
[**Judges 16:15**](swordsearcher://bible/judg16.15-22) And she said unto him, How canst thou say, I love thee, when thine heart *is* not with me? thou hast mocked me these three times, and hast not told me wherein thy great strength *lieth*.  
**Judges 16:16** And it came to pass, when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, *so* that his soul was vexed unto death;  
**Judges 16:17** That he told her all his heart, and said unto her, There hath not come a rasor upon mine head; for I *have been* a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any *other* man.  
**Judges 16:18** And when Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, Come up this once, for he hath shewed me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and brought money in their hand.  
**Judges 16:19** And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for a man, and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him.  
**Judges 16:20** And she said, The Philistines *be* upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the LORD was departed from him.  
**Judges 16:21** But the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison house.  
**Judges 16:22** Howbeit the hair of his head began to grow again after he was shaven.

**The lords of Philistines assemble to sacrifice to their god Dagon**  
[**Judges 16:23**](swordsearcher://bible/judg16.23-24) Then the lords of the Philistines gathered them together for to offer a great sacrifice unto Dagon their god, and to rejoice: for they said, Our god hath delivered Samson our enemy into our hand.  
**Judges 16:24** And when the people saw him, they praised their god: for they said, Our god hath delivered into our hands our enemy, and the destroyer of our country, which slew many of us.

**The Philistine faithful wanted to make sport of Samson**  
[**Judges 16:25**](swordsearcher://bible/judg16.25) And it came to pass, when their hearts were merry, that they said, Call for Samson, that he may make us sport. And they called for Samson out of the prison house; and he made them sport: and they set him between the pillars.

**Samson speaks to the lad beside him**  
[**Judges 16:26**](swordsearcher://bible/judg16.26-27) And Samson said unto the lad that held him by the hand, Suffer me that I may feel the pillars whereupon the house standeth, that I may lean upon them.  
**Judges 16:27** Now the house was full of men and women; and all the lords of the Philistines *were* there; and *there were* upon the roof about three thousand men and women, that beheld while Samson made sport.

**V. Philistine lords and Temple Destroyed**  
**Samson calls upon the LORD**

[**Judges 16:28**](swordsearcher://bible/judg16.28-30) And Samson called unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.  
**Judges 16:29** And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house stood, and on which it was borne up, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left.  
**Judges 16:30** And Samson said, Let me die with the Philistines. And he bowed himself with *all his* might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that *were* therein. So the dead which he slew at his death were more than *they* which he slew in his life.

**Samson is buried in his father’s burring place**  
[**Judges 16:31**](swordsearcher://bible/judg16.31) Then his brethren and all the house of his father came down, and took him, and brought *him* up, and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the burying place of Manoah his father. And he judged Israel twenty years.

**VI. Delight thyself in the LORD**

**Psalm 37:1** *A Psalm* of David. Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.  
**Psalm 37:2** For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.

**Psalm 37:3** Trust in the LORD, and do good; *so* shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.  
**Psalm 37:4** Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.  
**Psalm 37:5** Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring *it* to pass.  
**Psalm 37:6** And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.  
**Psalm 37:7** Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

**Psalm 37:8** Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.  
**Psalm 37:9** For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.  
**Psalm 37:10** For yet a little while, and the wicked *shall* not *be*: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it *shall* not *be*.  
**Psalm 37:11** But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.  
**Psalm 37:12** The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth.  
**Psalm 37:13** The Lord shall laugh at him: for he seeth that his day is coming.

**Psalm 37:14** The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, *and* to slay such as be of upright conversation.  
**Psalm 37:15** Their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken.

**Psalm 37:16** A little that a righteous man hath *is* better than the riches of many wicked.  
**Psalm 37:17** For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the LORD upholdeth the righteous.  
**Psalm 37:18** The LORD knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever.  
**Psalm 37:19** They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.  
**Psalm 37:20** But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD *shall be* as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away.  
**Psalm 37:21** The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth.  
**Psalm 37:22** For *such as be* blessed of him shall inherit the earth; and *they that be* cursed of him shall be cut off.

**Psalm 37:23** The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.  
**Psalm 37:24** Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth *him with* his hand.  
**Psalm 37:25** I have been young, and *now* am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.  
**Psalm 37:26** *He is* ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed *is* blessed.

**Psalm 37:27** Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore.  
**Psalm 37:28** For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.  
**Psalm 37:29** The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever.  
**Psalm 37:30** The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment.  
**Psalm 37:31** The law of his God *is* in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.

**Psalm 37:32** The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to slay him.  
**Psalm 37:33** The LORD will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged.  
**Psalm 37:34** Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see *it*.  
**Psalm 37:35** I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree.  
**Psalm 37:36** Yet he passed away, and, lo, he *was* not: yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.

**Psalm 37:37** Mark the perfect *man*, and behold the upright: for the end of *that* man *is* peace.  
**Psalm 37:38** But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off.  
**Psalm 37:39** But the salvation of the righteous *is* of the LORD: *he is* their strength in the time of trouble.  
**Psalm 37:40** And the LORD shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.