

Samson and Delilah (Judges 16)
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Delilah's Persistence Led Samson to Despair and Reveal His Nazirite Vow (16:16-17)

Delilah said that Samson Revealed the Secret to his Strength, so they Paid her (16:18)

When he Fell Asleep, She Cut his Hair and Said the Philistines Were There (16:19-20)

The Philistines Captured him, Blinded him, and Took him to Gaza (16:21a)

Samson's Final Victory (16:21b-30)

The Philistines Imprisoned Him and Made him Grind Grain (16:21b)

While in Prison his hair Began Growing (16:22)

A Great Thanksgiving Sacrifice in the Temple Celebrated Samson's Capture (16:23-24)

They Sent for Samson so he Might Entertain them (16:25)

Samson Requested Being Allowed to Lean on the Two Main Pillars (16:26)

3,000 Philistines Were Present for the Celebration (16:27)

Samson Prayed for Strength (16:28)

He Pushed the Pillars Apart, Praying for Devastation of the Philistines (16:29a-30a)

Samson Killed More Philistines in his Death than in his Life (16:30b)

Samson's Whole Family Retrieved His Body and Buried him (16:31a)

Samson Judged Israel for Twenty-Years (16:31b)

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