

The Book of Judges: Chapters 14 & 15

Sunday, November 24 & Wednesday, December 4

Chapter 14: Sunday, November 24

(1 – 4) What did Samson request from his parents, and how did they respond? According to verse 4, what information were Samson's parents lacking as they responded to his request? What was God's intention in allowing Samson to marry a Philistine woman? (*Deuteronomy 7: 1 – 4*)

(5 – 6) What happened to Samson as he and his parents traveled to Timnah? What enabled Samson to kill the attacking lion?

(7 – 9) What did Samson see as he traveled? What action did Samson take as a result? Who did he tell about what he had seen?

(10 – 14) What challenge did Samson make to the Philistine men who had come to the feast? Describe the riddle that Samson posed to the guests of the feast. What event did this riddle reference?

(15 – 16) What did the men demand of Samson's wife when they couldn't solve the riddle, and what did they state as the justification for their demand? How did Samson's wife respond, and how did Samson react to her comments?

(17 – 18) What did Samson's wife do when he told her the answer to the riddle? When the men explained the answer to Samson, what allegation did he make?

(19 – 20) How did Samson respond to the fact that the men had answered his riddle correctly, and what involvement did God have in Samson's actions? What happened to Samson's wife as a result?

Chapter 15: Wednesday, December 4

(1 – 2) What did Samson discover when he returned to his wife? How did his wife's father explain his actions regarding his daughter, and what did he offer Samson in exchange?

(3 – 5) What action did Samson take in response to the fact that his wife had been married to another man? What was the result of his actions?

(6 – 8) What drastic action did the Philistines take when they discovered that it was Samson who had burned their crops? What threat did Samson make as a result, and what action did he take in delivering on his threat?

(9 – 11) How did the Philistines respond to Samson's actions? What action did the men of Judah take when they learned that the Philistines were pursuing Samson? Describe the comments made by the men of Judah to Samson.

(12 – 13) How did Samson respond to the men of Judah's plan to deliver him to the Philistines? What demand did Samson make, and how did the men of Judah respond?

(14 – 17) What action did Samson take against the Philistines as they attempted to take him into custody? How did God assist Samson in defeating the Philistines?

(18 – 20) What request did Samson make to God, and how did God respond? At this point in Samson's narrative, how would you describe his faith and relationship with God?