

The Book of Judges: Chapters 16 & 17

Sunday, December 8 & Wednesday, December 11

Chapter 16: Sunday, December 8

(1 – 3) What action did the people of Gaza attempt to take against Samson? How did Samson respond?

(4 – 5) What did the leaders of the Philistines ask Delilah to do? What did they offer her if she agreed to their request?

(6 – 9) What did Delilah ask Samson, and how did he respond? What action did Delilah and the Philistines take against Samson, and what was the result?

(10 – 12) What did Delilah ask Samson, and what was different about her plea? How did Samson respond? What action did Delilah and the Philistines take against Samson, and what was the result?

(13 – 14) Again, what did Delilah ask Samson, and how did he respond? What action did Delilah and the Philistines take against Samson, and what was the result?

(15 – 17) What effect did Delilah's emotional pleas have on Samson? In response, what information did Samson divulge to Delilah?

(18 – 20) What action did Delilah take against Samson? How did Samson respond when he awoke? Why had the Lord departed from Samson?

(21 – 24) Once he was captured, what actions did the Philistines take against Samson? When the Philistines gathered to make sacrifices to their god Dagon, what point did they make about Samson's situation, and how did the people respond? (*1 Samuel 5: 1 – 4*)

(25 – 27) When Samson was made to perform for the Philistines, where did they place him? What did Samson ask to the young man who guided him? How many Philistines were located at the temple?

(28 – 31) What request did Samson make to the Lord? Subsequently, what action did Samson take against the Philistines, and what was the result? How long had Samson served as a judge over Israel?

(Review) What were some of his strengths and weaknesses? Considering Samson's challenges and flaws, how is it that he is regarded as such an example of faith (as indicated by his inclusion in Hebrews Chapter 11)?
(Hebrews 11: 32 – 34)

Chapter 17: Wednesday, December 11

(1 – 2) Where do the events recorded in Chapter 17 fit with the chronology of other events recorded in the Book of Judges to this point? What admission did Micah make to his mother, and how did she respond?

(3 – 4) How had Micah's mother planned to use the money that had been stolen? What action did she take when Micah returned the money that he had stolen from her?

(5 – 6) What actions did Micah take, and what did those actions indicate about his faith?

(7 – 9) What question did Micah ask to the Levite who was traveling from Bethlehem, and how did the Levite respond?

(10 – 13) What invitation did Micah extend to the Levite who was traveling and looking for a place to stay? What was Micah's intention in inviting the Levite to stay with him and offering to pay him for his services?