

# Thesis Statement

During the time of the judges,  
the Israelites became like the Canaanites,  
but God preserved them as a distinct, surviving  
people and nation  
by raising up judges who saved them from their  
enemies

# Judges 13 – 16 . . .

## The Spiral Continues

SIN	13:1
SERVITUDE	13:1
(SUPPLICATION	)
SALVATION	13:2 – <u>5</u> ff
SILENCE	15:20, 16:31

# Judges 13–16 Samson the Judge

Chapter 13--- Samson's Supernatural Birth

Chapter 14--- Samson's Philistine Wife

Chapter 15--- Samson Defeats the Philistines

Chapter 16---

Samson and Delilah  
:1 – 22

Samson's Extraordinary Death  
:23 – 31

# The Nazirite Vow --- Numbers 6:1 – 21

## General Guidelines

- Man or woman :2
- Designated duration :4,5,6, 8, 13-21
- Vow of separation to the LORD  
:2, 5, 6, 17, 18

## Specific Regulations

- Involuntary contact with the dead  
:9-12
- Ceremony ending the Nazirite vow  
:13-21

### Three Major Areas of Separation

1. No grape products whatsoever :3-4  
– wine, vinegar, grape juice, fresh grapes, raisins
2. No razor upon his head :5  
– hair was not to be cut as long as the vow was in effect
3. Not to go near dead body :6-8

# Israel and marriage to foreigners

Exodus 34:12 – 16

Deuteronomy 7:3 – 4

I Kings 11:1 – 8

Ezra 9 and 10

# Samson and his wife – Judges 14 & 15

- chose on basis of appearance 14:1, 2, 3
- showed disrespect to his wife and her people during the wedding feast 14:12 – 18
- failed to leave father and mother and cling to his wife 14:16
- referred to his bride as a heifer 14:18
- made a 'business trip' to Ashkelon immediately after the wedding feast 14:19
- deserted his new bride and went home to his parents 14:19

## Samson and his wife (continued)

- made an attempt (feeble, rude, sincere?) to reconcile with his wife, which ended in personal revenge and, ultimately, in the death of his wife and

father-in-law

15:1 – 6

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How should Samson have loved his wife?

'Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church . . . ' Eph. 5:25f

How did Christ love the church?  
(does)

1. Unconditionally
2. Purposefully
3. Sacrificially
4. Eternally



# Samson and faith

15:18 – 20

'he cried out to the LORD'

16:28 – 30

'Then Samson called to the LORD'

Hebrews 11:32 – 34

What wondrous GRACE  
is this?