

8. The Spirit of the Lord (the Holy Spirit) began to at times, move or impel this certain man listed in Judges 13:24,25. Name the man. \_\_\_\_\_

Samson, son of Manoah, and the twelfth of the judges of Israel, who seemed notorious for his great physical strength, was weak in his moral and intellectual character (see Judges 13:1-16:31).

The Holy Spirit began to drive Samson to strange actions by sudden impulses which caused him to do supernatural exploits. Some of these feats include the tearing apart of a lion (Judges 14:5,6) and the slaying of a thousand Philistines (Judges 15:14-20) and many others.

9. When the Spirit of the Lord came upon Samson in Judges 15:14, what happened? \_\_\_\_\_

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10. What did Samson use to slay these thousand Philistines? (Judges 15:15)\_\_\_\_\_

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At the end of things for Samson; after being bound and blinded; with all his strength gone to a wicked woman's manipulations; he cried out to God in his disgrace and humiliation.

11. What was his prayer? (Judges 16:28)\_\_\_\_\_

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12. Did God answer him? (Judges 16:29,30) \_\_\_\_\_  
13. What is Samson's last prayer? (Judges 16:30)
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So it was, he died; and slew at his death, *...more than they which he slew in his life.*

Samson *...judged Israel in the days of the Philistines twenty years* (Judges 15:20).

The death of Samson, of course, was not suicide in the ordinary sense of the word. He died fighting the enemies of his country like a soldier in a hopeless battle.<sup>3</sup>

Actually, there was no complete deliverance of Israel in the time of Samson, as with the other judges; but he began to shake up the Philistine power, and prepared the way for their liberation in the time of his more honorable successor, Samuel.

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3- Beacon Bible Commentary, Judges 16, p. 176.