

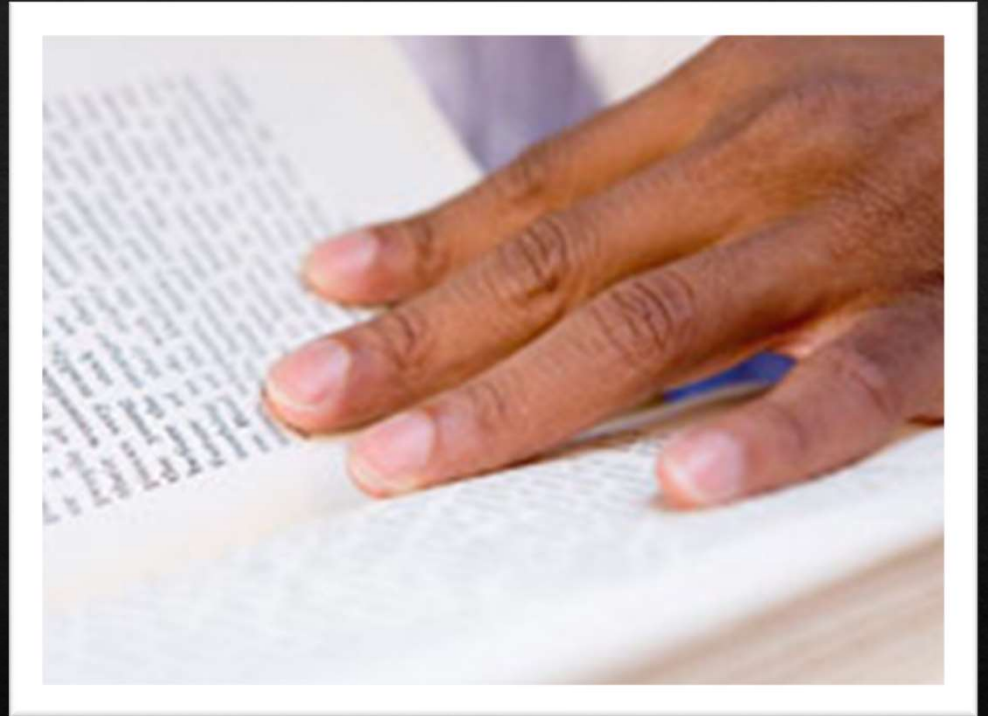
A dramatic scene from the movie 'Hercules' featuring Samson, Delilah, and a Roman soldier. Samson is in the center, shirtless and muscular, with his long hair tied up. Delilah is on the left, looking at him. A Roman soldier in a red cape and helmet is on the right. The background is a hazy, golden light.

# The Life of Samson, Part 1 Sermon Review

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From the time that I  
was a child, Samson  
has been one of my  
favorite stories of the  
Bible





I always put  
Samson in the  
category with  
Superman, Batman  
or Hercules as a  
popular action hero







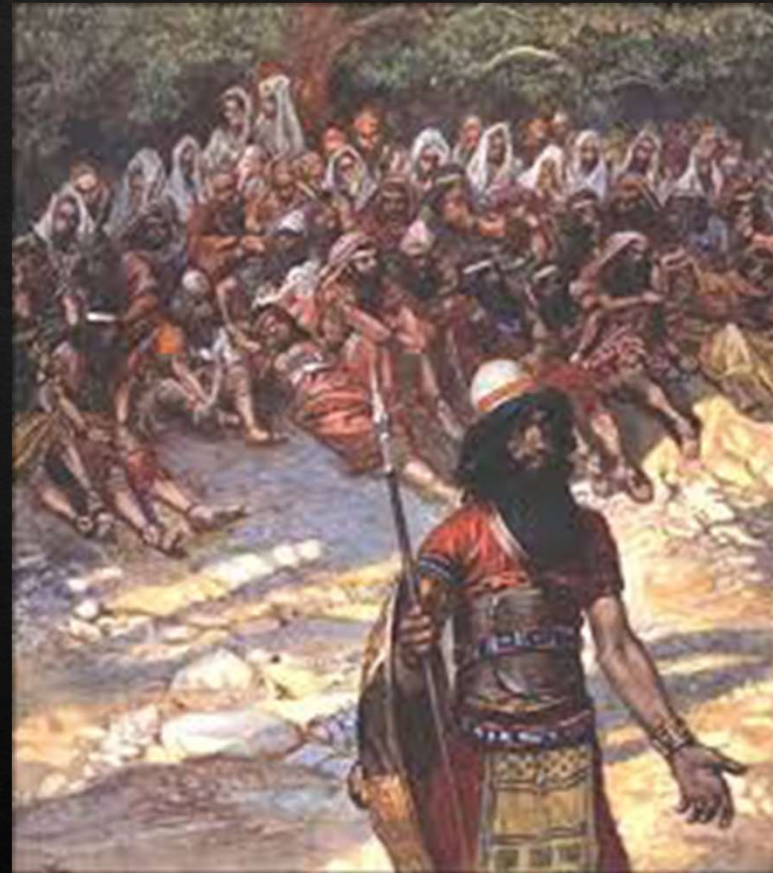
Before examining in detail the early story of Samson let's take a quick moment to review what has happened to Israel since the close of the Gideon story



First there is  
the tragic story  
where the sons  
of Gideon are  
mass murdered  
in order to  
make Abimelek  
king



This story however  
assumes that the leader  
following Gideon would  
be one of his sons  
(primogeniture) instead  
of a person chosen by  
God (charismatic choice)  
which seem to be  
preferred platform at the  
time



This is further illustrated by the fact that the next three leaders, or judges of Israel, Tola, Jair and Jephthah, are all men whose fathers had not been leaders in Israel





These stories are followed by the criticism of the Ephraimites who complain that they were not included in the call up to fight against the Ammonites



Jephthah makes the point that his victory came from the hands of God and not the help he did or did not get from the Ephramites





These three judges  
are followed by  
three others,  
Ibzan, Elon and  
Abdon





It seems that in the case of Ibzan we see the early case where israelites are given in marriage to persons outside their tribe



This establishes a precedent and signals what we would later find in the life of Samson where he married outside of his tribe



The story of Samson repeats the other Old Testament stories that include Sarah and the mother of Samuel



# There is a difference between a "Nazarite" and a "Nazarene"







THANK  
YOU

For watching...