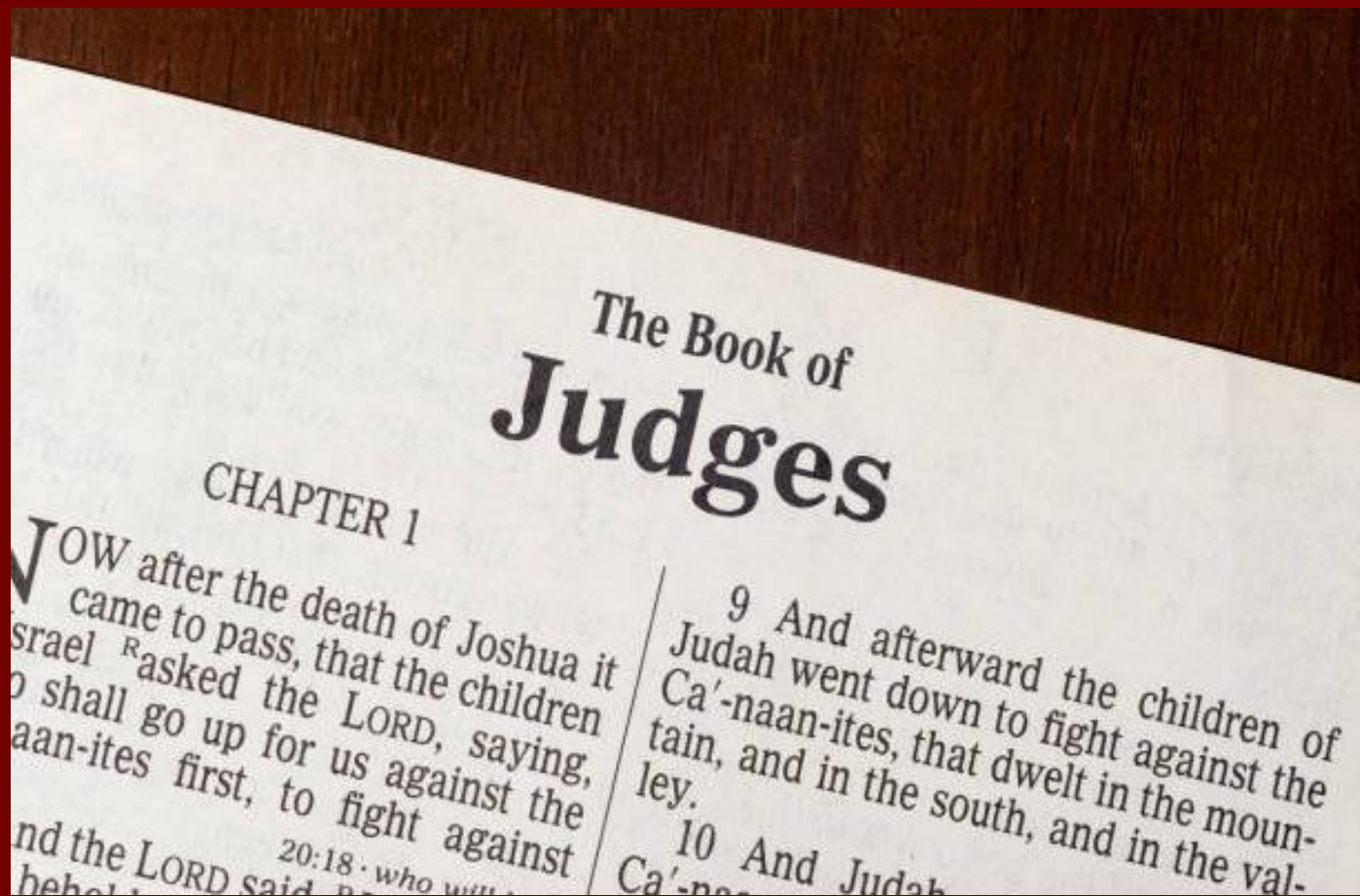


Bible Study:



The Israelites
worship
other gods.

God becomes
angry and gives
the Israelites over
to the power of
their enemies.

The Israelites cry
out to God.

God raises a
judge to deliver
the Israelites.

The judge frees the
Israelites from their
enemies.

The land has
peace while the
judge lives.

The judge dies
and the cycle
begins again.



Book of Judges has the Judges cycle

Samson



Things To Consider

- **What did the Israelites do during the times of prosperity and peace (Judges 10:6-7; 13:1)?**
- **How did the Lord answer their halfhearted cry for deliverance (Judges 10:13-14)?**
- **How did God answer the prayers of Israel for deliverance from the Philistine oppression (Judges 13:24-25)?**

Things To Consider

■ **Samson means “Distinguished”**

- **Samson was a Danite, the son of Manoah from the city of Zorah. His mother was barren. But the angel of the Lord (pre-incarnate Christ) appeared to her twice (the second time both of his parents were there).**
- **The events surrounding Samson’s birth were amazing and miraculous. The angel of the Lord appeared to his parents, told them they would have a son, and commanded Samson’s mother regarding dietary restrictions.**

Things To Consider

- **Special Traits: Amazing Physical Strength**
 - **Weakness:**
 - **Lust**
 - **Foolish / Acted on Instinct**
 - **Strengths:**
 - **Courage**
 - **Faith**



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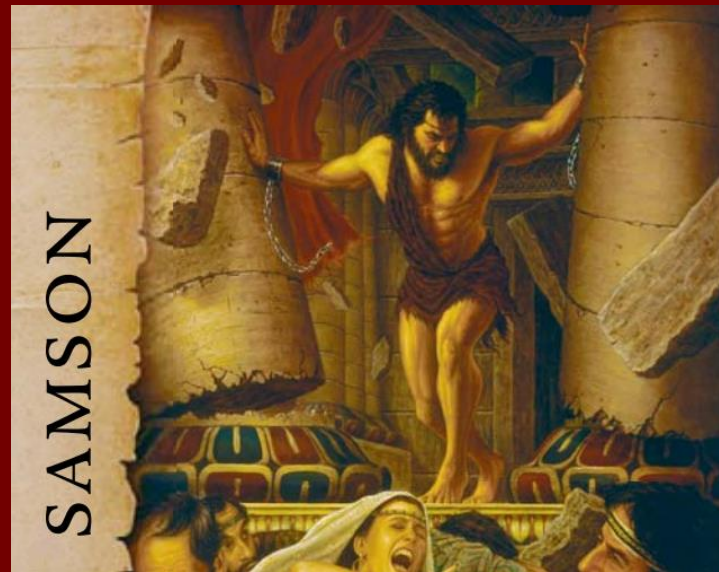
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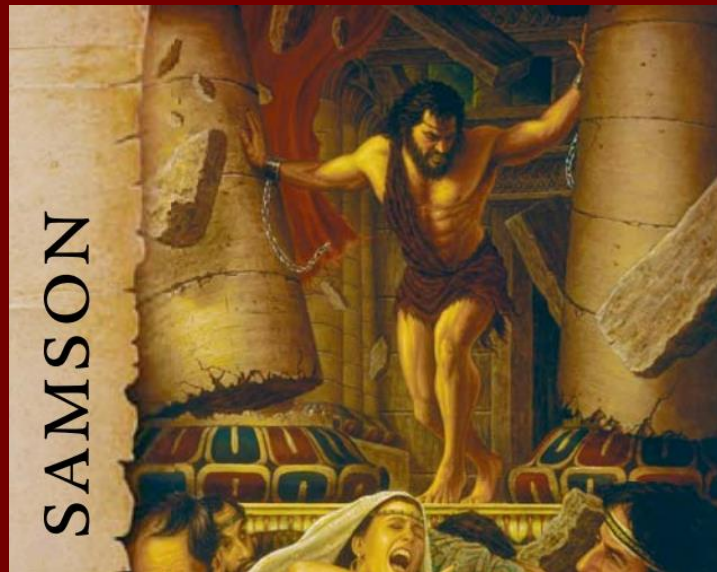
Considerations from Samson

- **Samson was fleshly, yet he did believe in and serve God. God used him in a mighty way. Just as Samson was willing to be used by God, we need to be to.**



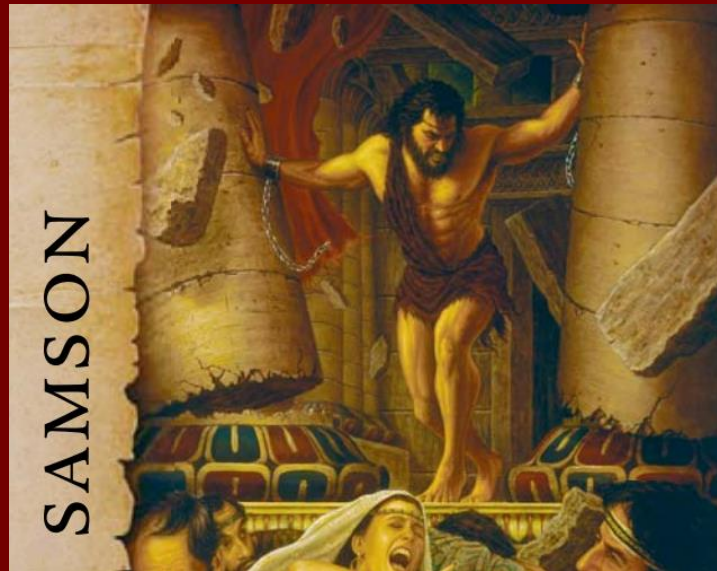
Considerations from Samson

- **Though Samson had great faith he could not overcome the temptations around him. The proximity of temptation day after day caused him to fall into sin.**



Considerations from Samson

- Lust is a very dangerous temptation. Satan uses it to bring down great leaders and men full of faith. It is relentless. Though it may bring temporary satisfaction the final result is destruction of the one who gives in to it.



Considerations from Samson

- **God watches over His people and carries out His plans. God's sovereignty is absolute He can even work through our sins and weaknesses to accomplish His will.**

