

# **Judges 15**

## **Judges 15.1-3**

**V1** – Wheat harvest = May or early June

-**What was Samson doing?** Making a "peace offering" – trying to get his wife back

-**Who stopped him from seeing his wife?** Her father

**V2** – **What explanation did her father have?** "We thought you hated her, so I gave her to your best friend"

-**Father's offer?** Take her younger sister

-We see such lawlessness here (similar to situation with Lot and Sodom and Gomorrah)

**V3** – **Samson's attitude?** What I am about to do won't be my fault

## **Judges 15.4-8**

**V4-5** – **What did Samson do?** He tied torches to foxes' tails and burned down the Philistines' crops

**V6** – **How did the Philistines retaliate?** They burned Samson's wife and his father-in-law with fire

**V7** – Samson took revenge

**V8** – Samson killed many of them and they lived alone for awhile

-Signs of a very violent, ruthless, bloody age

## **Judges 15.9-13**

**V9** – **Where did the Philistines camp?** In Judah

-**What does this indicate?** They could move around freely in Israel

**V10** – **Why had the Philistines invaded Judah?** To punish Samson

**V11** – **What did the men of Judah do?** 3000 went to ask Samson what it was all about

-**Samson:** I gave them what they gave me

**V12** – **What did the men of Judah want to do?** Tie up Samson and give him to the Philistines

-**His reply?** Just don't kill me

-The betrayal by his fellow countrymen

**V13** – They tied him with two new ropes

## **Judges 15.14-20**

**V 14** – What did God help him do? Break the ropes

**V 15** – What did Samson do? Killed 1000 of the Philistines with the jawbone of a donkey  
-"fresh" = moist, heavier than one that might have dried out

**V 16** – A song that he composed

**V 17** – He named the place "hill of a jawbone"

**V 18** – What did he need? A drink

**V 19** – What did God do? Split a rock, and water came out

**V 20** – How long was Samson a judge? 20 years

Notice: Samson was far from perfect, but God was still able to use him to defeat the enemy

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