

SAMSON

As a Type of Christ (Judg.13-16; Luk.24:27, 44)

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1. Angelic announcement of his birth.
(Judg.13:3-5; cp. Mat.1:20-21; Luk.1:26-38)
 2. The Angel announced – a SON
 3. Angelic prophecy for son – (a) greatness, (b) a deliverer – (c) a Savior.
(Judg.13:5; cp. Luk.1:32 and Mat.1:21)
 4. Angel told the MOTHER first.
(Judg.13:2-3; Luk.1:24-32, cp. 1:39-40 & 1:56 with Mat. 1:18)
 5. Supernatural conception.
(Judg.13:2, 3; cp. Mat.1:18, 20, 23, 25; and Luk.1:34-35)
 6. The nation of Israel under foreign oppression and dominion at the time.
(Philistines, Rome).
 7. Did all his acts of power by the Holy Spirit – came **UPON** him.
(Mat.12:28; Acts 10:38; and Heb.2:4 – cp. Judg. 13:25, 14:6, 14:19, 15:14, 16:20c)
 8. Took a bride from among the Gentiles.
(Judg.14:1-3)
 9. Brought something “clean” = good (honey) from the unclean (dead lion).
(Judg.14:8-9; Lev. 11:27; Job 14:4)
 10. His father made the marriage.
(Judg.14:10; cp. Joh.14:1-3)
 11. Gave new garments (representing one’s nature) to his enemies.
(Judg.14:19; cp. Mat.22:12; Rev.3:4-5, 19:8; Eph.3:17-24; Rom.13:11-14; Psa.132:9, 16 and 18)
 12. His false, unfaithful bride is burned – mystery Babylon.
(Judg.15:6; cp. Rev.17:1-7, 9, 15-18)
 13. The unfaithful bride’s father is judged by fire – Satan, their father.
(Judg.15:6; cp. Mat.25:41; Joh.8:44; Rev.20:10)
 14. Judgment of fire on his enemy’s works.
(Judg.15:4 & 5; cp. Rev.1:13-14, 2:18, 23, 20:11-14; and I Cor.3:13-15)
 15. The *child* grew and the Lord blessed him.
(Judg.13:24; Luk.1:80)
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16. He used the mouth (jawbone) of the unclean [but made fit by his hand] to subdue his enemies. (Judg.15:15; Mat.28:18-20)
17. Bound over to the enemy by his own people – “it is expedient that one man die for the people.” (Judg.15:11; cp. Joh.11:49-50, 18:14, 28-29)
18. Bound over to the enemy for purpose of getting the oppressor off their backs. (Judg.15:10; Joh.11:48)
19. Men of Judah (Greek = Judas) handed him over to the enemy. (Judg.5:11; Mat.26:47-50)
20. BOUND him over to the enemy so they could put him to death. (Judg.15:13; Joh.18:24)
21. He was brought by his enemies to the place of the jaw bone – to the place of the skull [Golgotha] (Judg.15:15; cp. Joh.19:17 – both are hills).
22. He was delivered into the hands of the uncircumcised. (Philistines and the Romans)
23. “I thirst” – tongue cleaves – shall I die for THIRST [Samson]. (Judg.15:18; Psa.22:15; Joh.19:28)
24. My strength is gone – Samson when hair gone – as a sheep SHORN by the shearer. (Judg.16:17; Christ in Psa.22:15; Isa.53:7)
25. Jesus’ BEARD PLUCKED, Samson’s hair shaved off – no strength. (Isa.50:6)
26. Miraculous water sent by God REVIVED him – i.e., His spirit came again. (Judg.15:20; I Pet.3:18)
27. Became “God forsaken” (via sin) in order to defeat the enemy and deliver his people (Judg.16:20; cp. Mat.27:46; II Cor.5:21; II Pet.2:24; Heb.2:14)
28. While in the dwelling place of the unfaithful – he ALL ALONE broke and carried off the gates and bars of death. (Judg.16:1-4; cp. Acts 2:24; Col.2:15; Heb.1:3, 2:14; Rev.1:18)
29. Sold to his enemies for pieces of silver. (Judg.16:5; Mat.26:14-16)
30. Did his exploits **all by himself** – no one helped. (Heb.1:3)
31. **After** great exploits of power over God’s enemies, he is mocked & brought down in humiliation and death. (Judg.16:25; Mat.27:39-43)

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32. Through his DEATH he defeated his wicked enemies (and God's) – **death was the means of his greatest victory.** (Judg.16:30; Col.2:15 etc.)
33. Although his enemy caused his death, he VOLUNTARILY laid down his life in order to deliver his people from their enemy. (Judg.16:30; Joh.10:15-18; Heb.2:14)
34. He judged Israel. (Judg.16:31; Num.24:17a, 19a; Ezk.20:33-38; Dan.7:13-14; Mic.5:1b – cp. Mat.27:30; Zec.9:9; Rev.1:13-16, 19:11)
35. By his death he caused the total collapse of the temple (a type of the beast religious system) of the false god. (Judg.16:29-30; I Cor.10:20; Phil.2:8-11; Col.2:15; Rev.1:18 etc.)
36. His place of death was among the wicked. (Judg.16:30; Isa.53:9; Mat.27:38, 44)
37. The house of Dagon was supported by two pillars (Judg.16:29) – like the two legs that supported **the image** of Daniel chapter two (Dan.2:34), i.e., the enemies of God – the **STONE** smote the **support** [feet] and all collapsed.