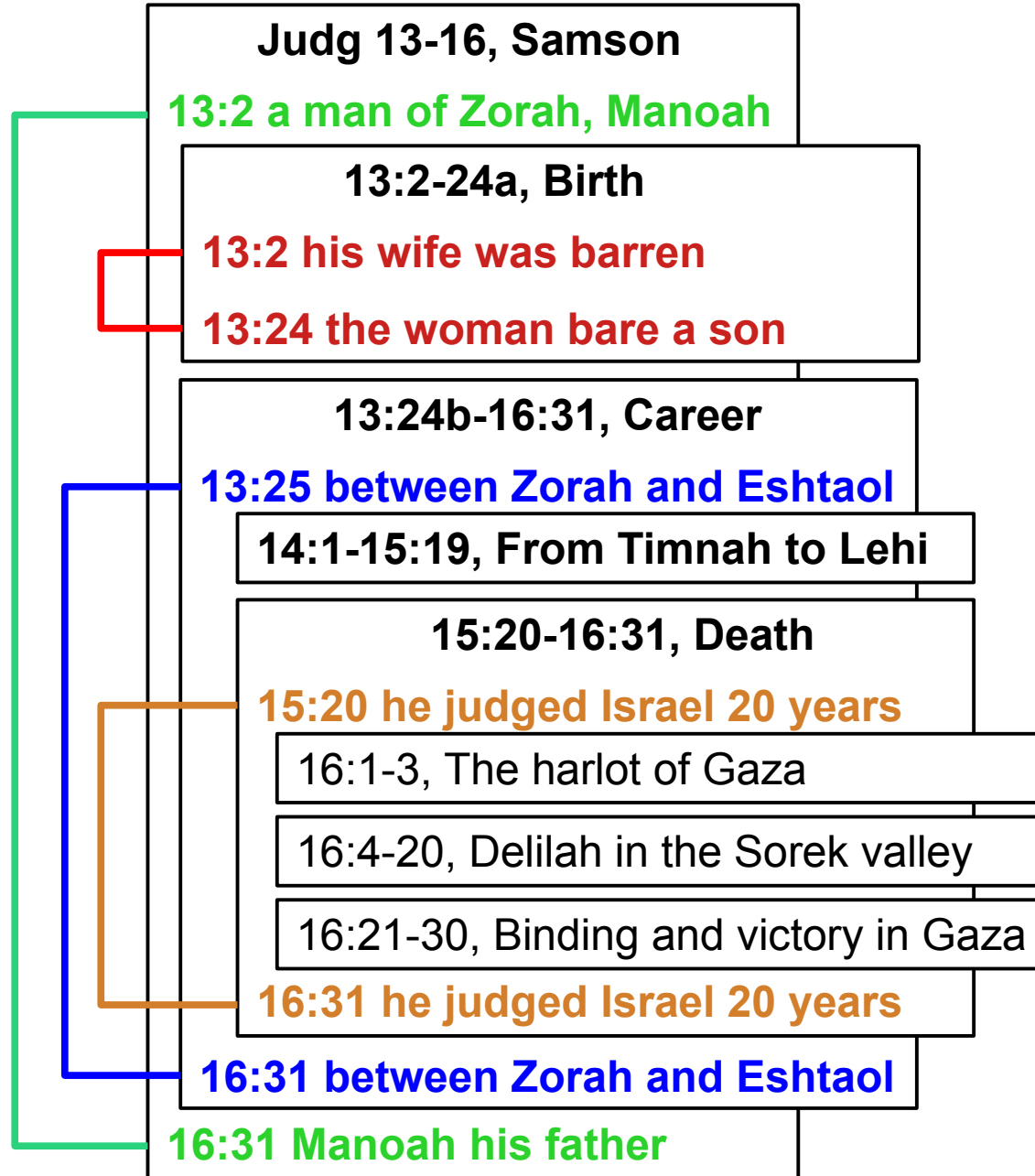


# Inclusios in the History of Samson



# Three Miraculous Births

| <b>Samson</b>  | <b>Samuel</b>  | <b>John the Baptist</b>  |
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| Judg 13:2 And <b>there was a certain man</b> of Zorah,               | 1Sa 1:1 Now <b>there was a certain man</b> of Ramathaimzophim, of mount Ephraim,   | Luke 1:5 <b>There was</b> in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, <b>a certain priest</b>                                |
| of the family of the <b>Danites</b> , whose name was <b>Manoah</b> ; | and his name was <b>Elkanah</b> , the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an <b>Ephrathite</b> : | named <b>Zacharias</b> , of the course of <b>Abia</b> :  |
| and his wife was <b>barren</b> , and bare not.                       | 2 And he had two wives; ... and Peninnah had children, but Hannah <b>had no children</b> .                                       | and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, ...<br>7 And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was <b>barren</b> , ... |

# Structure of the Birth Narrative



|                        |   |   |
|------------------------|---|---|
| Angel Appears to Woman | 13:3-5 the child shall be a <b>Nazarite</b>                                   | 13:9b   |
| She tells her husband  | 13:6-7 the child shall be a <b>Nazarite</b>                                   | 13:10   |
| Manoah asks questions  | 13:8-9a Let the man of God ... come again ... what we shall do unto the child | 13:11 Art thou the man?<br>13:12-14 How shall we order the child? → <b>No wine or strong drink</b><br>13:15-16 Let us prepare a kid<br>13:17-18 What is thy name? |

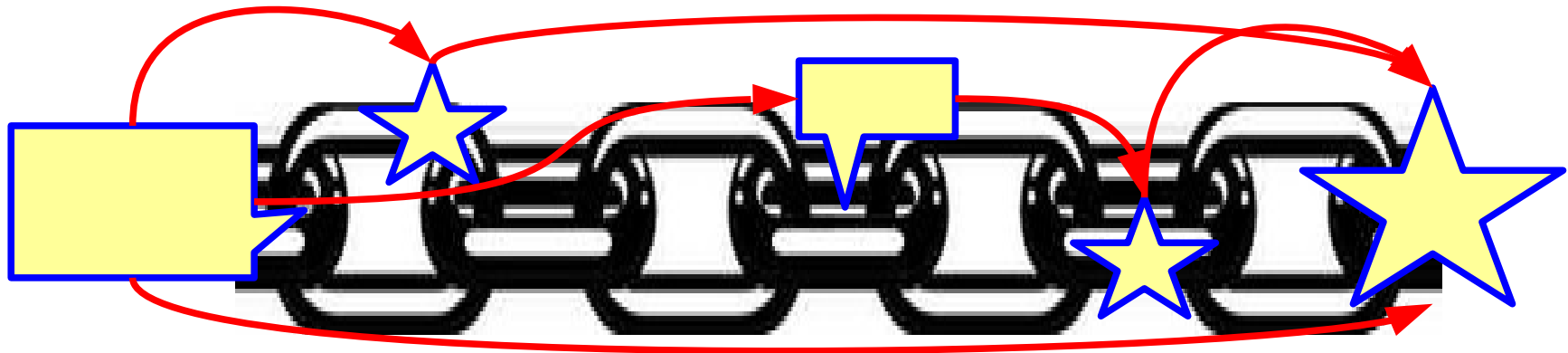
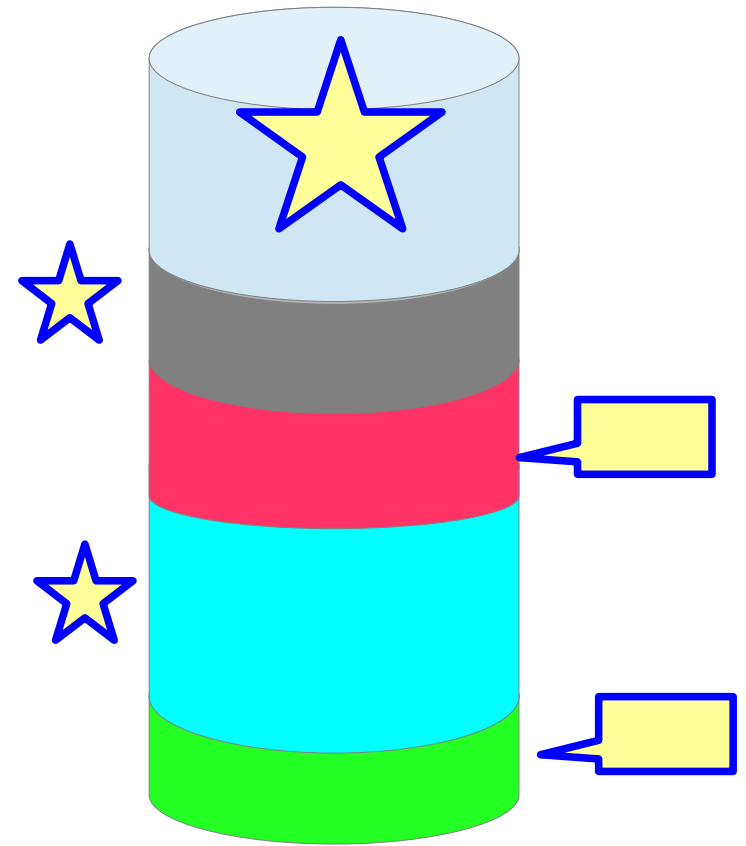
The Angel of the Lord:  
 Jdg 6:12 **the angel of the Lord** appeared unto him, and said unto him ...  
 Jdg 6:14 **the Lord** looked upon him, and said ...

Mic. 5:2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; **whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.**

# Manifold Fulfillment\*

An initial prophecy may be **repeated** down through history,

- sometimes in **words** and 
  - sometimes in **events** that 
    - **foreshadow** or
    - **partially realize** the promise,
- until the time of the actual fulfillment.



\*The term is due to Willis Judson Beecher, *The Prophets and the Promise*. Thomas Y. Crowell, 1905. The definition is my own, based on his discussion.

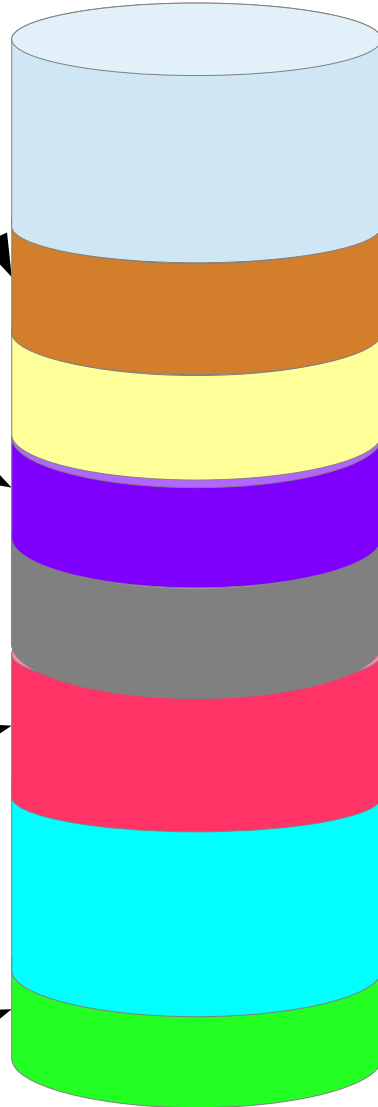
# “Filling up” the Seed of the Woman

Luke 1:13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife **Elisabeth shall bear thee a son**, and thou shalt call his name John.

Jdg 13:3 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou art barren, and bearest not: but **thou shalt conceive**, and bear a son.

Gen 21:2 For **Sarah conceived**, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.

Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and **her seed**; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.



Mat 1:18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, **she was found with child of the Holy Ghost**.

Isa 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, **a virgin shall conceive**, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Gen 25:21 And Isaac intreated the LORD for his wife, because she was barren: and the LORD was intreated of him, and **Rebekah his wife conceived**.

Gen 4:1 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, **I have gotten a man from the LORD**.

# Three Lifelong Nazarites

Examples of the normal (temporary) Nazarite vow:

Act 18:18 And Paul ... then took his leave of the brethren, and sailed thence into Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila; having **shorn his head** in Cenchrea: **for he had a vow.**

Act 21:23 We have four men which **have a vow** on them; 24 Them take, and purify thyself with them, and be at charges with them, **that they may shave their heads:**

| Samson   | Samuel  | John the Baptist   |
|--|---|--|
| <p>3 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou art barren, and bearest not: but <b>thou shalt conceive</b>, and bear a son.</p> | <p>1Sam. 1:17 Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and <b>the God of Israel grant thee thy petition</b> that thou hast asked of him.</p>  | <p>Luke 1:13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth <b>shall bear thee a son</b>, and thou shalt call his name John.</p>      |
| <p>5 ... no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a <b>Nazarite</b> unto God from the womb:</p>   | <p>1Sam. 1:11 And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou ... wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall <b>no razor come upon his head.</b></p> | <p>15 For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and <b>shall drink neither wine nor strong drink</b>; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.</p> |

# The Nazarite Vow (Numbers 6)

Num. 6:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,  
2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When either man or woman shall **separate** **פלא C H6381** themselves **[act wonderfully]** to vow a vow of a Nazarite, to **separate נזר H5144** themselves unto the LORD:

Judg 13:18 Why askest thou thus after my name, seeing it is **secret**?

Judg. 13:19 So Manoah took a kid with a meat offering, and offered it upon a rock unto the LORD: and the angel did **wondrously**; and Manoah and his wife looked on.

Is. 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called **Wonderful**, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Gen. 49:26 The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was **separate** from his brethren.