

Inclusios mark Samson's History

Judg 13-16, Samson

13:2 a man of Zorah, Manoah

13:2-24a, Birth

13:2 his wife was barren

13:24 the woman bare a son

13:24b-16:31, Career

13:25 between Zorah and Eshtaol

14:1-15:19, From Timnah to Lehi

15:20-16:31, Death

15:20 he judged Israel 20 years

16:1-3, The harlot of Gaza

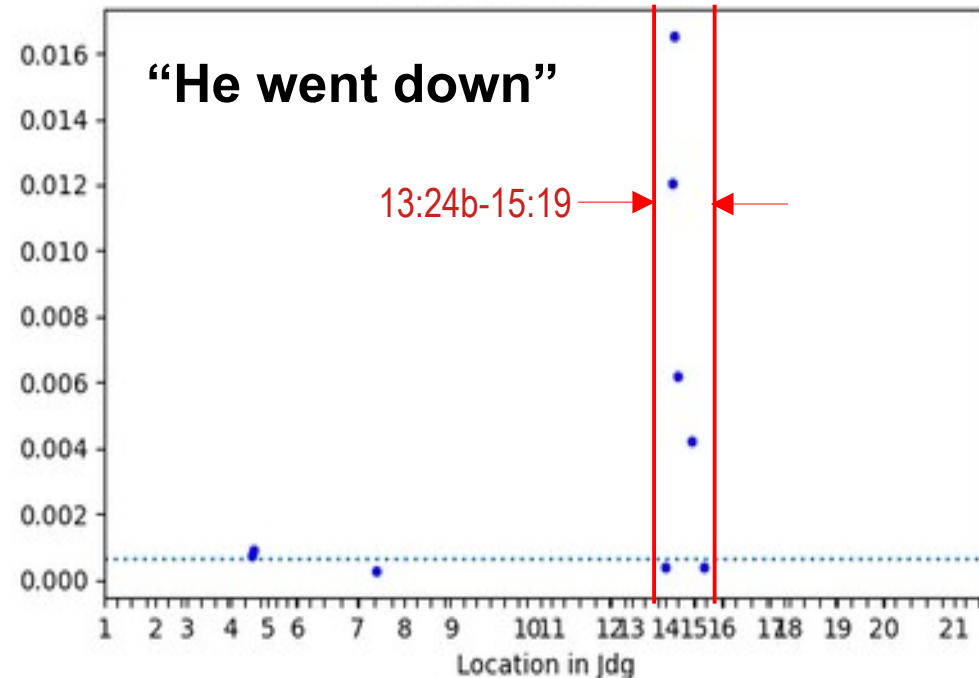
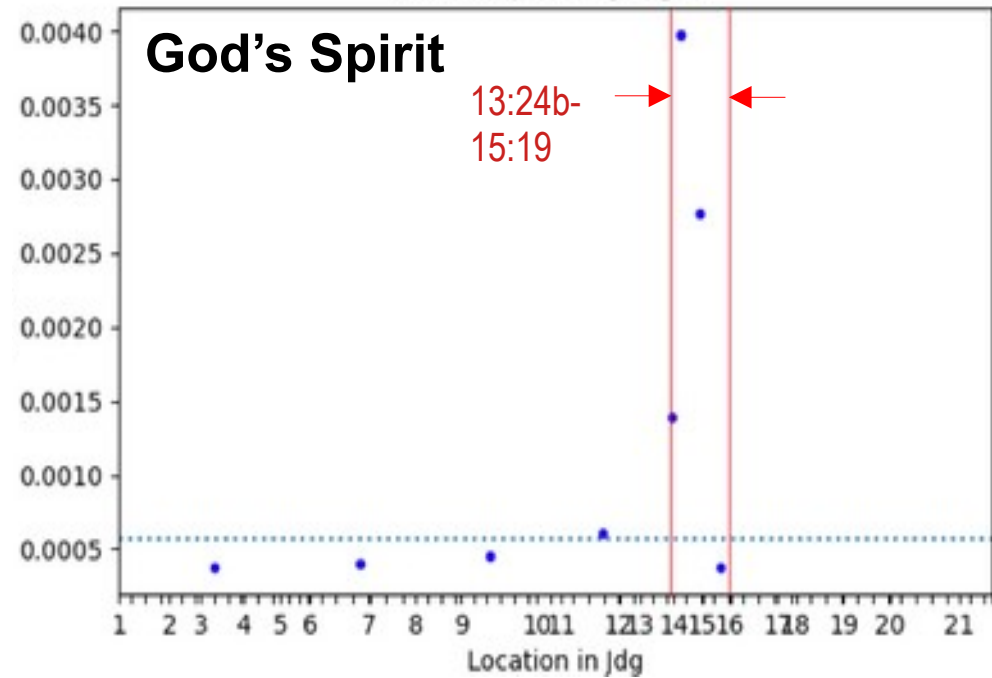
16:4-20, Delilah in the Sorek valley

16:21-30, Binding and victory in Gaza

16:31 he judged Israel 20 years

16:31 between Zorah and Eshtaol

16:31 Manoah his father



Samson's Three Campaigns

	14:1-20, Slaughter in Ashkelon	15:1-8, Revenge for Timnah	15:9-19 Battle of Lehi
Compromise	1-4, Samson's Philistine bride	1-2, Samson's Philistine bride	9-10, Judah's Philistine partners
Power	5-9, Power over the Lion	3-6, Power over the Foxes	11-13, Power over himself
Slaughter	10-19a, Thirty in Ashkelon	7-8a, A great slaughter	14-17, A thousand
Refuge	19b-20, Goes up to Judah	8b, Goes down to Etam	18-19, Calls on the Lord

Judg. 14:5 Then went Samson down, and his father and his mother, to Timnath, and came **to the vineyards of Timnath:** and, behold, a young lion roared against him.



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The Riddle חידה H2420 and the Prize

1Kings 10:1 And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to prove him with **hard questions**.

2Kings 5:5 And the king of Syria said, Go to, go, and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten **changes of raiment**.

Jos 7:21 When I saw among the spoils a **goodly Babylonish garment**, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it.

Ancient money:

- 1 Talent = 60 *manehs* (KJV “pounds”)
- 1 “pound” = 60 shekels
- 1 shekel = 8-12 grams
- The value ratio of gold to silver ranges from 2 (Egypt) to 12 (first century Rome), 4 or 5 in Phoenicia and Syria during OT times

Helpful References on 15:1-13

15:5 he ... burnt up both the shocks, and also the standing corn ...

Ex. 22:6 If fire break out, and catch in thorns, so that the stacks of corn, or the standing corn, or the field, be consumed therewith; he that kindled the fire shall surely make restitution.

15:6 the Philistines ... burnt her and her father (cf. 14:15)

John 11:47 Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles. 48 If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation.

15:7 yet will I be avenged ...

Nu 35:18 the murderer shall surely be put to death. 19 The revenger of blood himself shall slay the murderer: when he meeteth him, he shall slay him.

15:10 to do to him as he hath done to us (cf. v. 11)

Matt. 7:12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

15:11 the Philistines are rulers over us ...

Judg. 8:23 And Gideon said unto them, I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you: the LORD shall rule over you.

15:12 We are come down to bind thee ...

1Sa 22:1 David therefore departed thence, and escaped to the cave Adullam: and when his brethren and all his father's house heard it, they went down thither to him. 2 And every one that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men.