Samson's Three Campaigns

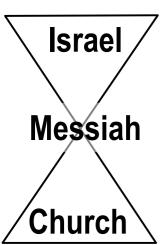
	14:1-20, Slaughter in Ashkelon	15:1-8, Revenge for Timnah	15:9-19 Battle of Lehi
Compromise	1-4, Samson's Philistine bride	1-2, Samson's Philistine bride	9-10, Judah's Philistine partners
Power	5-9, Power over the Lion	3-6, Power over the Foxes	11-13, Power over himself
Slaughter	10-19a, Thirty in Ashkelon	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
Samson's Character	Immature, arrogant	Responsible husband	Servant of the Lord

Samson as a Picture of the Nation

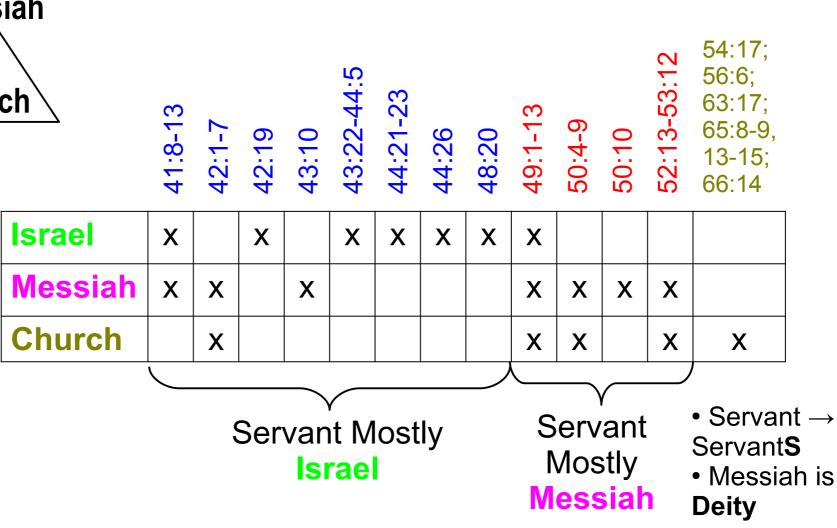
	Israel	Samson
Rebellion	Going after other gods	Taking a Philistine wife
Retribution	Servitude	15:13, bound by Judah; thirst 16:21, grinding in Gaza
Rebuke	2:1-3, Angel 6:7-10, Prophet 10:11-16, the Lord	13:3, Parents
Repentance	Cry זעק to the Lord	15:18; 16:28, Cry קרא to the Lord
Restoration	God sends a deliverer	God answers prayer

Samson and Isaiah's Servant

- 1. Called "servant of the Lord"
- 2. Represents the nation
- 3. Betrayed by his own people



The Servant(s) of the Lord in Isaiah



Examples of the Hourglass

Isaiah 41-48, Servant ~ Israel

Is. 41:8 But thou, Israel, art **my servant**, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend. 9 Thou whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called thee from the chief men thereof, and said unto thee, Thou art **my servant**; I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away.

Isaiah 49-53, Servant ~ Messiah

Is. 52:13 Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high. 14 As many were astonied at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men: 15 So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him: ... 53:3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

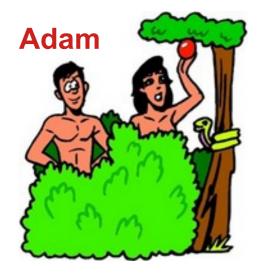
Isaiah 54-66, ServantS = the redeemed

Is. 54:17 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of **the servants of the LORD**, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.

Isaiah 54-66, Messiah = the Lord

Isa 59:15 Yea, truth faileth: and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment. 16 And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him. 17 For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloke.

Rom 5:12-21, The Two Heads of Humanity



Rom. 5:17 For if by **one man**'s offence death reigned by **one**; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by **one**, **Jesus Christ**.

The Lord Jesus



18 Therefore as by the offence of **one** judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of **one** the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

19 For as by **one man**'s disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of **one** shall many be made righteous.

1Cor. 15:21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in **Adam** all die, even so in **Christ** shall all be made alive.

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 46:31 he judged Israel 20 years 16:31 between Zorah and Eshtaol 16:31 Manoah his father

3:11 And the land had rest **forty years**. And Othniel the son of Kenaz **died**.

8:28 And the country was in quietness **forty years** in the days of Gideon. ... 32 And Gideon the son of Joash **died** in a good old age,

10:2 And [Tola] judged Israel **twenty and three years**, and **died**, and was buried in Shamir.

10:3 And after him arose Jair, a Gileadite, and judged Israel **twenty and two years**. ... 5 And Jair **died**, and was buried in Camon.

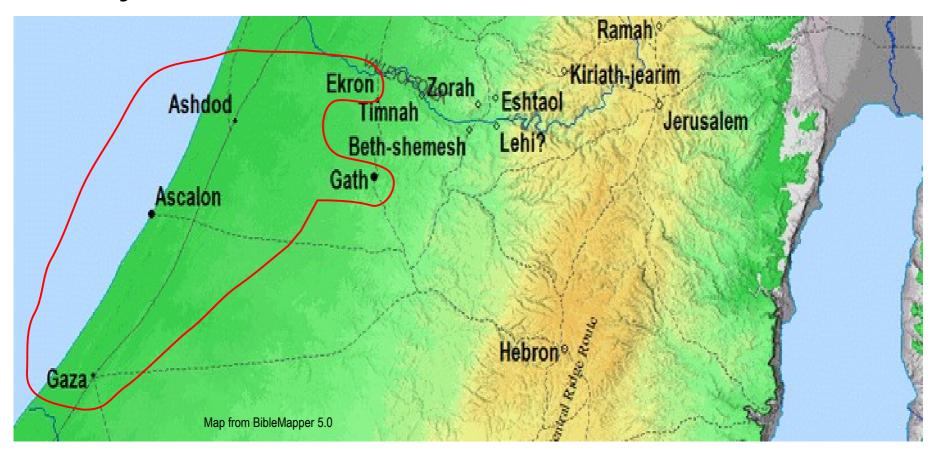
12:7 And Jephthah judged Israel **six years**. Then **died** Jephthah the Gileadite, and was buried in one of the cities of Gilead.

12:9 And [lbzan] judged Israel **seven years.**10 Then **died** lbzan, and was buried at Bethlehem.

12:11 And after him Elon ... he judged Israel **ten years**. 12 And Elon the Zebulonite **died**, and was buried in Aijalon in the country of Zebulun.

12:14 ... and [Abdon] judged Israel **eight years.** 15 And Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite **died**, and was buried in Pirathon in the land of Ephraim,

Why did Samson visit the Harlot of Gaza?



Prov 7:27 Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of **death**.

Jdg 1:18 Also Judah took Gaza with the coast thereof, and Askelon with the coast thereof, and Ekron with the coast thereof.

The Spies in Jericho and Samson in Gaza

	Jericho, Joshua 2	Gaza, Judges 16
Entry into hostile city	1 And Joshua the son of Nun sent out of Shittim two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jericho. And they went,	1 Then went Samson to Gaza,
Lodging with a harlot	and came into an harlot's house, named Rahab, and lodged there.	and saw there an harlot , and went in unto her.
Anonymous report of the presence of the spy/spies	2 And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, Behold, there came men in hither to night of the children of Israel to search out the country.	2 And it was told the Gazites, saying, Samson is come hither .
Precautions taken with the city gate	7 And the men pursued after them the way to Jordan unto the fords: and as soon as they which pursued after them were gone out, they shut the gate .	And they compassed him in, and laid wait for him all night in the gate of the city , and were quiet all the night, saying, In the morning, when it is day, we shall kill him.
Unconventional departure	15 Then she let them down by a cord through the window : for her house was upon the town wall, and she dwelt upon the wall.	3 And Samson lay till midnight, and arose at midnight, and took the doors of the gate of the city, and the two posts, and went away with them, bar and all, and put them upon his shoulders,
Visit to nearby mountain	22 And they went, and came unto the mountain H2022, and abode there three days, until the pursuers were returned:	and carried them up to the top of an hill הר H2022 that is before Hebron.
Final Victory	6:20 the wall fell down flat	30 the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that were therein.