Inclusios in the History of Samson

Judg 13-16, Samson

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13:24b-16:31, Career
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15:20 he judged Israel 20 years

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# Three Miraculous Births

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<td><strong>Luke 1:5 There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest</strong></td>
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<td>of the family of the <strong>Danites,</strong> whose name was <strong>Manoah;</strong></td>
<td>and his name was <strong>Elkanah,</strong> the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an <strong>Ephrathite:</strong></td>
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<td>and his wife was <strong>barren,</strong> and bare not.</td>
<td>2 And he had two wives; … and Peninnah had children, but Hannah <strong>had no children.</strong></td>
<td>and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, … 7 And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was <strong>barren,</strong> …</td>
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**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 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 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.

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.

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.
### 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:**

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<td>5 ... no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a <strong>Nazarite</strong> unto God from the womb:</td>
<td>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 <strong>no razor come upon his head.</strong></td>
<td>15 For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and <strong>shall drink neither wine nor strong drink</strong>; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.</td>
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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 פֵּלַן C H6381 themselves [act wonderfully] to vow a vow of a Nazarite, to separate נזר H5144 themselves unto the LORD:

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.

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.