

Old Testament

- Jdg 12:1** The men of Ephraim were called to arms, and they crossed to Zaphon and said to Jephthah, "Why did you cross over to fight against the Ammonites and did not call us to go with you? We will burn your house over you with fire."
- Jdg 12:2** And Jephthah said to them, "I and my people had a great dispute with the Ammonites, and when I called you, you did not save me from their hand."
- Jdg 12:3** And when I saw that you would not save me, I took my life in my hand and crossed over against the Ammonites, and the LORD gave them into my hand. Why then have you come up to me this day to fight against me?"
- Jdg 12:4** Then Jephthah gathered all the men of Gilead and fought with Ephraim. And the men of Gilead struck Ephraim, because they said, "You are fugitives of Ephraim, you Gileadites, in the midst of Ephraim and Manasseh."
- Jdg 12:5** And the Gileadites captured the fords of the Jordan against the Ephraimites. And when any of the fugitives of Ephraim said, "Let me go over," the men of Gilead said to him, "Are you an Ephraimite?" When he said, "No,"
- Jdg 12:6** they said to him, "Then say Shibboleth," and he said, "Sibboleth," for he could not pronounce it right. Then they seized him and slaughtered him at the fords of the Jordan. At that time 42,000 of the Ephraimites fell.
- Jdg 12:7** Jephthah judged Israel six years. Then Jephthah the Gileadite died and was buried in his city in Gilead.
- Jdg 12:8** After him Ibzan of Bethlehem judged Israel.
- Jdg 12:9** He had thirty sons, and thirty daughters he gave in marriage outside his clan, and thirty daughters he brought in from outside for his sons. And he judged Israel seven years.
- Jdg 12:10** Then Ibzan died and was buried at Bethlehem.
- Jdg 12:11** After him Elon the Zebulunite judged Israel, and he judged Israel ten years.
- Jdg 12:12** Then Elon the Zebulunite died and was buried at Aijalon in the land of Zebulun.
- Jdg 12:13** After him Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite judged Israel.
- Jdg 12:14** He had forty sons and thirty grandsons, who rode on seventy donkeys, and he judged Israel eight years.
- Jdg 12:15** Then Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite died and was buried at Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the hill country of the Amalekites.
- Jdg 13:1** And the people of Israel again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, so the LORD gave them into the hand of the Philistines for forty years.
- Jdg 13:2** There was a certain man of Zorah, of the tribe of the Danites, whose name was Manoah. And his wife was barren and had no children.
- Jdg 13:3** And the angel of the LORD appeared to the woman and said to her, "Behold, you are barren and have not borne children, but you shall conceive and bear a son.
- Jdg 13:4** Therefore be careful and drink no wine or strong drink, and eat nothing unclean,
- Jdg 13:5** for behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. No razor shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb, and he shall begin to save Israel from the hand of the Philistines."
- Jdg 13:6** Then the woman came and told her husband, "A man of God came to me, and his appearance was like the appearance of the angel of God, very awesome. I did not ask him where he was from, and he did not tell me his name,

**Jdg 13:7** but he said to me, 'Behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. So then drink no wine or strong drink, and eat nothing unclean, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb to the day of his death.'

**Jdg 13:8** Then Manoah prayed to the LORD and said, "O Lord, please let the man of God whom you sent come again to us and teach us what we are to do with the child who will be born."

**Jdg 13:9** And God listened to the voice of Manoah, and the angel of God came again to the woman as she sat in the field. But Manoah her husband was not with her.

**Jdg 13:10** So the woman ran quickly and told her husband, "Behold, the man who came to me the other day has appeared to me."

**Jdg 13:11** And Manoah arose and went after his wife and came to the man and said to him, "Are you the man who spoke to this woman?" And he said, "I am."

**Jdg 13:12** And Manoah said, "Now when your words come true, what is to be the child's manner of life, and what is his mission?"

**Jdg 13:13** And the angel of the LORD said to Manoah, "Of all that I said to the woman let her be careful.

**Jdg 13:14** She may not eat of anything that comes from the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, or eat any unclean thing. All that I commanded her let her observe."

**Jdg 13:15** Manoah said to the angel of the LORD, "Please let us detain you and prepare a young goat for you."

**Jdg 13:16** And the angel of the LORD said to Manoah, "If you detain me, I will not eat of your food. But if you prepare a burnt offering, then offer it to the LORD." (For Manoah did not know that he was the angel of the LORD.)

**Jdg 13:17** And Manoah said to the angel of the LORD, "What is your name, so that, when your words come true, we may honor you?"

**Jdg 13:18** And the angel of the LORD said to him, "Why do you ask my name, seeing it is wonderful?"

**Jdg 13:19** So Manoah took the young goat with the grain offering, and offered it on the rock to the LORD, to the one who works wonders, and Manoah and his wife were watching.

**Jdg 13:20** And when the flame went up toward heaven from the altar, the angel of the LORD went up in the flame of the altar. Now Manoah and his wife were watching, and they fell on their faces to the ground.

**Jdg 13:21** The angel of the LORD appeared no more to Manoah and to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he was the angel of the LORD.

**Jdg 13:22** And Manoah said to his wife, "We shall surely die, for we have seen God."

**Jdg 13:23** But his wife said to him, "If the LORD had meant to kill us, he would not have accepted a burnt offering and a grain offering at our hands, or shown us all these things, or now announced to us such things as these."

**Jdg 13:24** And the woman bore a son and called his name Samson. And the young man grew, and the LORD blessed him.

**Jdg 13:25** And the Spirit of the LORD began to stir him in Mahaneh-dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol.

**Jdg 14:1** Samson went down to Timnah, and at Timnah he saw one of the daughters of the Philistines.

**Jdg 14:2** Then he came up and told his father and mother, "I saw one of the daughters of the Philistines at Timnah. Now get her for me as my wife."

**Jdg 14:3** But his father and mother said to him, "Is there not a woman among the daughters of your relatives, or among all our people, that you must go to take a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines?" But Samson said to his father, "Get her for me, for she is right in my eyes."

Jdg 14:4 His father and mother did not know that it was from the LORD, for he was seeking an opportunity against the Philistines. At that time the Philistines ruled over Israel.

Jdg 14:5 Then Samson went down with his father and mother to Timnah, and they came to the vineyards of Timnah. And behold, a young lion came toward him roaring.

Jdg 14:6 Then the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon him, and although he had nothing in his hand, he tore the lion in pieces as one tears a young goat. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done.

Jdg 14:7 Then he went down and talked with the woman, and she was right in Samson's eyes.

Jdg 14:8 After some days he returned to take her. And he turned aside to see the carcass of the lion, and behold, there was a swarm of bees in the body of the lion, and honey.

Jdg 14:9 He scraped it out into his hands and went on, eating as he went. And he came to his father and mother and gave some to them, and they ate. But he did not tell them that he had scraped the honey from the carcass of the lion.

Jdg 14:10 His father went down to the woman, and Samson prepared a feast there, for so the young men used to do.

Jdg 14:11 As soon as the people saw him, they brought thirty companions to be with him.

Jdg 14:12 And Samson said to them, "Let me now put a riddle to you. If you can tell me what it is, within the seven days of the feast, and find it out, then I will give you thirty linen garments and thirty changes of clothes,

Jdg 14:13 but if you cannot tell me what it is, then you shall give me thirty linen garments and thirty changes of clothes." And they said to him, "Put your riddle, that we may hear it."

Jdg 14:14 And he said to them, "Out of the eater came something to eat. Out of the strong came something sweet." And in three days they could not solve the riddle.

Jdg 14:15 On the fourth day they said to Samson's wife, "Entice your husband to tell us what the riddle is, lest we burn you and your father's house with fire. Have you invited us here to impoverish us?"

Jdg 14:16 And Samson's wife wept over him and said, "You only hate me; you do not love me. You have put a riddle to my people, and you have not told me what it is." And he said to her, "Behold, I have not told my father nor my mother, and shall I tell you?"

Jdg 14:17 She wept before him the seven days that their feast lasted, and on the seventh day he told her, because she pressed him hard. Then she told the riddle to her people.

Jdg 14:18 And the men of the city said to him on the seventh day before the sun went down, "What is sweeter than honey? What is stronger than a lion?" And he said to them, "If you had not plowed with my heifer, you would not have found out my riddle."

Jdg 14:19 And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon him, and he went down to Ashkelon and struck down thirty men of the town and took their spoil and gave the garments to those who had told the riddle. In hot anger he went back to his father's house.

Jdg 14:20 And Samson's wife was given to his companion, who had been his best man.

### New Testament

Luk 9:37 On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him.

Luk 9:38 And behold, a man from the crowd cried out, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child.

Luk 9:39 And behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out. It convulses him so that he foams at the mouth, and shatters him, and will hardly leave him.

Luk 9:40 And I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not."

Luk 9:41 Jesus answered, "O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here."

Luk 9:42 While he was coming, the demon threw him to the ground and convulsed him. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit and healed the boy, and gave him back to his father.

Luk 9:43 And all were astonished at the majesty of God. But while they were all marveling at everything he was doing, Jesus said to his disciples,

Luk 9:44 "Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men."

Luk 9:45 But they did not understand this saying, and it was concealed from them, so that they might not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

Luk 9:46 An argument arose among them as to which of them was the greatest.

Luk 9:47 But Jesus, knowing the reasoning of their hearts, took a child and put him by his side

Luk 9:48 and said to them, "Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. For he who is least among you all is the one who is great."

Luk 9:49 John answered, "Master, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he does not follow with us."

Luk 9:50 But Jesus said to him, "Do not stop him, for the one who is not against you is for you."

Luk 9:51 When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.

Luk 9:52 And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him.

Luk 9:53 But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem.

Luk 9:54 And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?"

Luk 9:55 But he turned and rebuked them.

Luk 9:56 And they went on to another village.

Luk 9:57 As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

Luk 9:58 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."

Luk 9:59 To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father."

Luk 9:60 And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

Luk 9:61 Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home."

Luk 9:62 Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."