

"Samson & the Lion"

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Intro - Few men draw our attention more than Samson. This "Hebrew Hercules" stands tall among the judges that ruled Israel in a day when "every man did that which was right in his own eyes". "In those days there was no king in Israel" and Samson faces life with his "wits" & his "fists".

- When we arrive at ch. 14 of Judges, we see an interesting episode in Samson's life that gives us some great lessons about how we may have to "fight" while we have no king on earth and every man today seems to be doing their "own thing".

- vs. 5-20 - Samson and the Lion
- (covers the complete incident) Samson's Riddle
- Samson's Wife & the Riddle's Answer
- Samson at Ashkelon

Our Consideration: Today

① The Roar of Satan vs. 5

meaning to instill: Fear/Terror
Confusion
Panic/Worry
Intimidation
in order to "devour"

Swallows up -- whale

① The Roar of Satan vs. 5

- Devour - I Pet. 5:8
- Destroy - Jam 10:10 / Job 2:3
- Disappear - Satan's Roar shall disappear when the Greater Lion, of the tribe of Judah, appears! Rev. 5:5

② The Riddle of Samson - vs. 14-18

- Given by Samson
- Revealed to his wife ("herfer") vs. 18

* Summary of the riddle's meaning: (for us)

"That which was meant to destroy him actually strengthened him"

- This was true for Samson
- Abraham
 - Joseph
 - Job
 - David
 - Daniel
 - Peter
 - Paul etc.

"out of the eater (lion) came forth meat (honey) and out of the strong (dead lion) came forth sweetness" (honey) vs. 18 Ps. 119:10 Ps. 119:103

devourer / beast of prey

③ The Reward of Struggle - vs. 6-9

- Samson ate, gained strength from, this conflict
- His parents also benefitted from this

* Our struggles help us gain strength for future battles/conflicts

* Our struggles also help others around us even though they may have no idea of everything that transpired in our struggle!