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# *The Greater Samson*

Judges 13



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**Matthew 2:23** And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, “He shall be called a Nazarene.”



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## Antitype

The greater

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## Type

Jonah

Solomon

Temple

Moses

David

Joseph

High Priest

Lamb of God

Israel



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# Samson's Analogies To Jesus

I see at least ten analogies to Jesus in the life of Samson. There are probably more, but these ten stand out.



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# I. An Angel Appears to His Mother



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## II. In Both Stories, God Appeared in Human Form

**Judges 13:22** And Manoah said to his wife, “We shall surely die, because we have seen God!”

**Genesis 32:30** And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: “For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.”

**John 1:18** No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.



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### III. Samson “Began” to Deliver.

Jesus also began. The Little Stone is growing.



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## IV. Both Were Called Nazirites.

Matthew says “Nazarene” and Judges says “Nazirite.” We have the problem of going from Hebrew to Greek to Aramaic to English, but I think we can all see the analogy and the Holy Spirit’s logic.



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## V. Both Killed More Enemies in Death Than in Life

**Judges 16:30** So the dead that he killed at his death were more than he had killed in his life.

**John 14:12** Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.



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## VI. In Both Accounts, There Was an Ascension

**Judges 13:20** it happened as the flame went up toward heaven from the altar – the Angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar! When Manoah and his wife saw this, they fell on their faces to the ground.



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## VII. In Both Accounts, Something Sweet Came Out of the Eater

**Judges 14:12-14** Then Samson said to them, “Let me pose a riddle to you. If you can correctly solve and explain it to me within the seven days of the feast, then I will give you thirty linen garments and thirty changes of clothing. But if you cannot explain it to me, then you shall give me thirty linen garments and thirty changes of clothing.” And they said to him, “Pose your riddle that we may hear it.” So he said to them: “Out of the eater came something to eat, And out of the strong came something sweet.”



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## VIII. In Both Accounts, His Enemies Were Afraid He Had Come to Take Away What Was Theirs

**Judges 14:15b** Have you invited us in order to take what is ours?

**John 11:48** If we let Him alone like this, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and nation.



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# IX. The Wives of Both Samson and Jesus Were Burned (15:6)



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# X. In Both Accounts, The Riddle Could Not Be Explained For Three Days

Judges 14:14 So he said to them:

“Out of the eater came something to eat,  
And out of the strong came something sweet.”

**Now for three days they could not explain the riddle.**



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# Conclusion: That You May Marvel

**John 5:20** For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him **greater works** than these, that you may marvel.



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