

# The Message

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## **Are the Philistines Upon You, America?**

### **Judges 16:20**

And she said, “The Philistines are upon you, Samson!” And he awoke from his sleep and said, “I will go out just like the other times and shake myself free.” But he did not know that the LORD had left him.



## The Story of Samson Starts in Judges 13

“**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” (13:3-5).



# Delilah

**“Seduce him, and see where his great strength lies, and by what means we may overpower him, that we may bind him ...”**



**As Long As God's People Keep the Covenant  
They Will Not Be Weak Like Other Men Are  
Weakened By:**

- Seven Fresh Bowstrings of Bloody Persecution
- New Ropes of Binding Political Correctness
- Woven Hair of Tyrannical Authoritarianism



# He Told Her All His Heart

<sup>20</sup>And she said, “The Philistines are upon you, Samson!”



**But the Hair of His Head Began to  
Grow Again.**

“Let me die with the Philistines.”



# The Sign of the Covenant

Samson's hair was the sign of the covenant just like circumcision, baptism, and God's Law are.



# The Moral of the Story

It shows two things:

1. The weakness of God's people
2. The strength of the covenant.

**“If you shave my head I will be weak like any other man.”**



# **The story of Samson shows two things:**

- 1. The progressive covenant breaker**
- 2. The covenant's final triumph.**

**Samson represents the people of God.**



**“She is right in my eyes”**

The Bride of Christ Is Right in His Eyes, too.



# Samson Killed a Lion



## The Riddle

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



# **He Possessed the Gate of His Enemies.**

Your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies (Genesis 22:17).



# God's Secret Is His Covenant

The secret of the LORD is with those who fear Him,  
And He will show them His covenant  
(Psalm 25:14)



# The Good News

“Let me die with the Philistines.”

So the dead whom he killed at his death were more than those whom he had killed during his life (Judges 16:30).



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