**Samson**

**Samson’s family.**

He was from the tribe of Dan. **Judges 13:2**

He was the son of Manoah and his wife.

He was born to a barren woman after visit from the angel of the Lord just as Hannah, Sarah or Rebecca. **Judges 13:2-3**

**Samson was set a part for service.**

He was consecrated to the Lord even before his birth with a Nazarite vow. **Numbers 6:2-21**.

Samson is first the record of a Nazirite vow taken. **Judges 13:5**

He was the last of the great Judges and judged Israel for twenty years. **Judges 15:20** and **Judges 16:31**

He was born to deliver Israel. **Judges 13:5**

**Samson had many troubles in his life.**

Requirements of vow are simple, but Samson breaks them all. **Judges 13:5,7**

Cannot cut his hair. **Judges 13:5, Judges 16:17-19**

Cannot touch anything dead.

He touched a dead lion **Judges 14:8-9**, a donkey jaw bone **Judges 15:15-17**, Catching foxes **Judges 15:4-5**, people he killed **Judges 14:19** (30 men), **Judges 15:16** (1,000 men), **Judges 16:27** (3,000 men and women, did not touch these)

Samson had trouble with women. **Judges 14:1-4, Judges 16:1, Judges 16:4-6**

Samson had trouble with gambling. **Judges 14:12-18**

Samson had trouble with alcohol.

Wedding feast at Timnah **Judges14:10**

Sleeping on Delilah’s lap? **Judges 16:19**

**Ecclesiastes 7:26**, **Proverbs 7:21-23, 26-27, Proverbs 23:33-35**

**Samson was to be a deliverer to Israel. Judges 13:5**

**Judges 17:6** In those days there was no king in Israel; every man did what was right in his own eyes.