

## The Judges (Samson)

1. Where in Israel's history does the Book of Judges occur?
  
2. Throughout the book of Judges, you get several themes
  - a. Apostasy of Israel
    - i. "Every man did what was right in his own eyes"
    - ii. We see this with Samson
    - iii. Thus, the judges were a living representation of Israel's apostasy
  
  - b. God's faithfulness vs Israel's unfaithfulness
  
  - c. The destructive nature of sin
    - i. National level
    - ii. Family level
    - iii. Proverbs 14:34
  
3. Who were the judges?
  - a. They were **not** military commanders, governors, authorities instituted by God, chosen by the heads of the nation
  
  - b. They were called by God out of the midst of their brethren to be deliverers of the state
    - i. Either through the Holy Spirit or through prophets and extraordinary manifestations of God
  
4. What tribe was Samson from?
  - a. Judges 19
  - b. Revelation 7:4
  
5. When you hear that someone is barren in the Bible what do you think of? What do you expect to happen?

6. Nazarites
  - a. Were not allowed to drink wine
  - b. Touch dead bodies (even that of their parents)
  - c. Could not cut their hair
  
7. Who is “the angel of the Lord”? Where else does he appear?
  
8. In the ancient world knowing a god’s name, or any spiritual entities name, gave you power over them. Notice then what Manoah was asking.
  
9. What was Manoah’s action when he realized who he was talking to?
  
10. What gave Samson his power?
  - a. 16:20