

A person's arm and hand are visible on the left, holding a bloody animal carcass. The person is wearing a dark, draped garment. The background is a landscape with a sunset or sunrise, featuring a bright sun partially obscured by clouds, and a field of tall grasses or reeds. The overall mood is somber and dramatic.

SAMSON

JUDGES 13-16

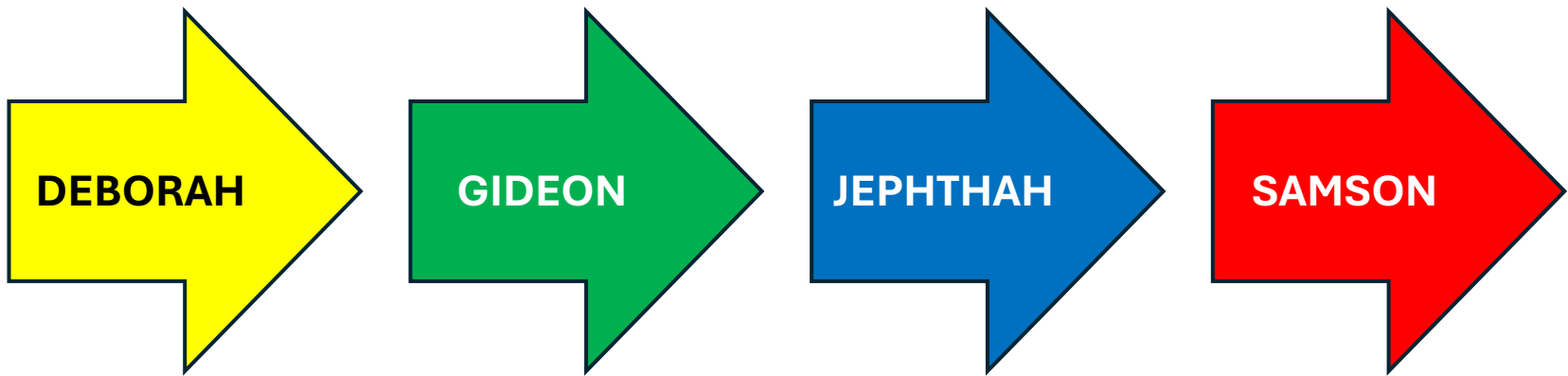
Hebrews 11:5-22 (NKJV)

(5) And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "MY SON, DO NOT DESPISE THE CHASTENING OF THE LORD, NOR BE DISCOURAGED WHEN YOU ARE REBUKED BY HIM; (6) FOR WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE CHASTENS, AND SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES." (7) If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? (8) But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. (9) Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? (10) For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. (11) Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

CYCLE OF JUDGES



The Sequence of Judges



Chronology of Judges Timeline

THE FIVE INDIVISIBLE UNITS OF CHRONOLOGY

1350 - 1014 BC for a total of 336 years.

Elon killed, Ruth moves to Bethlehem 1284 BC

Merneptah Stele 1205 BC

Deborah burns Hazor 1184 BC

Collapse of Late Bronze Age when Philistines arrive in 8th year of Ramesses III 1177 BC

Jair & Jephthah peace ends, Shiloh burned 1094 BC



Othniel 1350

Ehud (200 Years)

Deborah 1144

Jephthah's 300 years (11:26)

Saul 1052-1010 (42 Years)

David 1010-970 (40 Years)

Othniel 1350 - 1302
8 yrs oppression
40 yrs peace
48 Years total

Ehud 1302 - 1204
18 yrs oppression
80 yrs peace
98 Years total

Gideon, Abimelech, Tola, Jair 1191 (95 Years)

Shamgar, Deborah 1204 - 1144 (60 Years)

Jephthah, Ibaz, Elon, Abdon 1118 - 1070 (48 Years)

Samson 1118 - 1078 (40 Years)

Saul 1052-1010 (42 Years)

967 Solomon's 4th year as King is 480 years after leaving Egypt (1 Kings 6:1)

1340 Dan transplants Ephraim idolatry to Laish by Jonathan (Moses' grandson) Judges ch 17-18

1284 Elon killed Judges 3
Naomi's 2 sons killed
Ruth moves to Bethlehem Ruth 1:6

1294 Naomi to Moab Ruth 1:1
1290 Sodomy of Benjamin Phinehas (Aaron's grandson) Judges ch 19-21

Gideon 1191 - 1144 (48 Years)

40 years of peace after Deborah and Gideon 1184-1144 (5:31; 8:28)

Eli 1134 (120 Years)

Eli 1134-1094 (40 Years)

Samuel 1094-1014 (80 Years)

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SAMSON'S UNUSUAL BIRTH

Judges 13

- Israel did **EVIL** in the Lord's sight (13:1)
- Manoah's wife was chosen by God (13:2)
- Manoah asked the LORD to **VERIFY** the message of the Man of God. - (13:8)
- Manoah's wife gave birth to Samson (13:24)
- The LORD strengthened and moved Samson (13:25)





Brian Shaw winner of Arnold Schwarzenegger Strongman Classic 2017

SAMSON'S APPEARANCE



Brian “the Savage” Cosner

Winner of “fastest”
table sanitizer in
Camp N.O.A.H.¹

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Samson and the Hall of Faith

(32) And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: (33) who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

(Hebrews 11:32-33 NKJV)

SAMSON'S MARRIAGE

- Samson saw a **PHILISTINE** woman in Timnah – 14:1
 - This was the LORD's doing
 - He was looking for an opportunity
- He betrothed her for marriage – 14:4,5
- The roaring lion – 14:5
- The wedding riddle – 14:12
 - “Trick your husband – 14:15*
 - If you had not plowed with my **HEIFER**...
 - *The LORD empowered him.*
 - He killed 30 men





SAMSON'S BATTLES WITH THE PHILISTINES

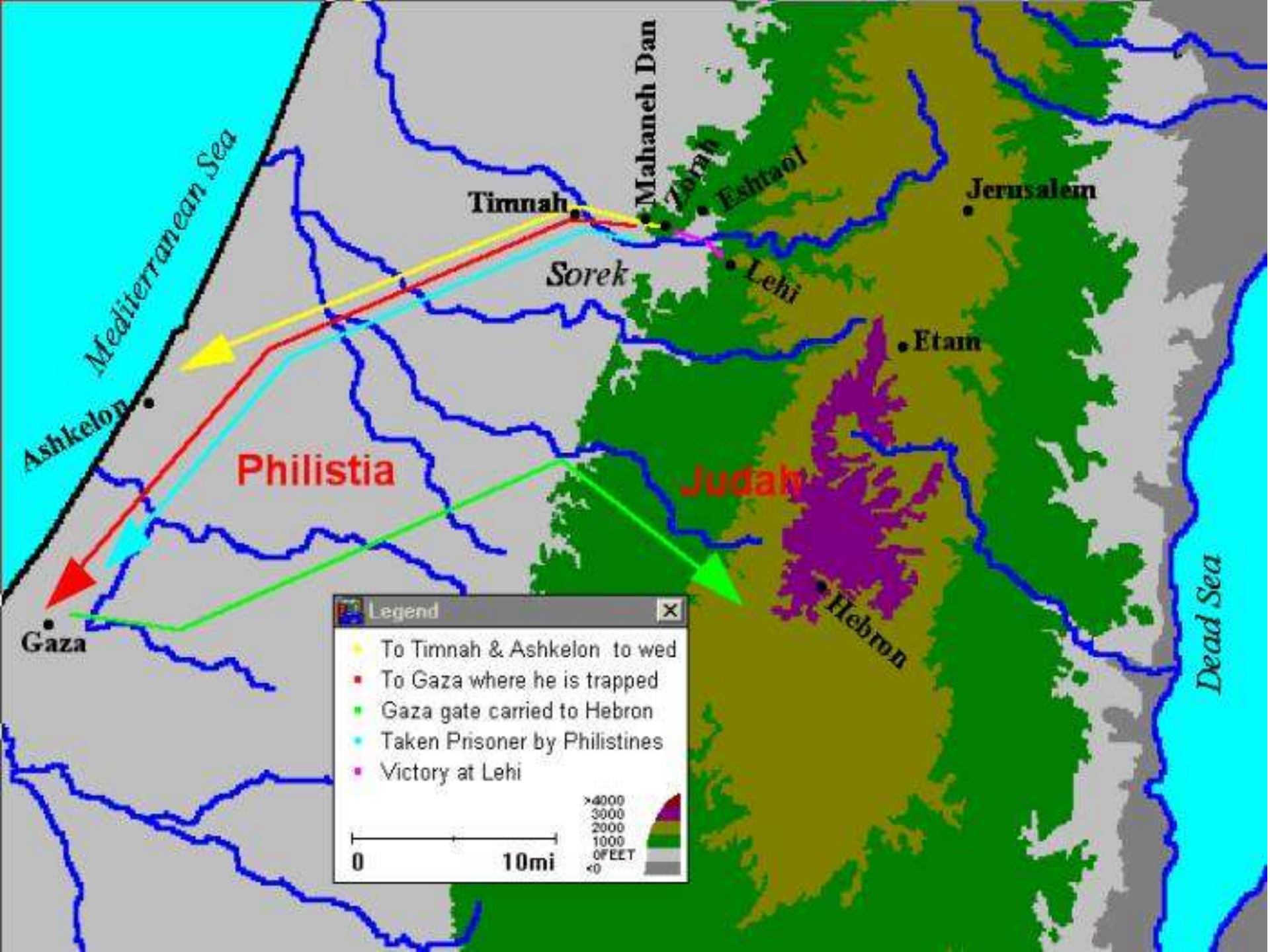
- Samson went down to visit his wife – 15:1
 - Her father had given her to his best man – 15:2
 - Enraged Samson **BURNED** their fields
 - The Philistines killed his wife and father-in-law
- The Philistines invaded Judah – 15:9-10
 - Judah hands Samson to the Philistines
 - He kills 1,000 men with the jaw of a donkey.



SAMSON AND DELILAH



- Samson and the Prostitute – 16:1
 - The Philistines this **OPPORTUNITY** to try to capture Samson. – 16:2



Mediterranean Sea

Ashkelon

Philistia

Timnah

Sorek

Mahaneh Dan

Zorah

Eshtaol

Lehi

Jerusalem

Etam

Judah

Hebron

Dead Sea

Gaza

Legend

- To Timnah & Ashkelon to wed
- To Gaza where he is trapped
- Gaza gate carried to Hebron
- Taken Prisoner by Philistines
- Victory at Lehi

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- Samson fell in love with Delilah
 - “Trick him! Find out what makes him... 16:5
 - Delilah was not Samson’s wife
 - “Tell me what makes you strong^{*}
 - “Finally, he told her his **SECRET**
 - She began to torment him
- The Philistines
 - Captured Samson
 - Put out his eyes
 - Bound him in bronze chains
 - He became a grinder in their prison
- His hair began to **GROW** back

Delilah Pestered Samson

(15) A continual dripping on a very rainy day And a contentious woman are alike; (16) Whoever restrains her restrains the wind, And grasps oil with his right hand.

(Proverbs 27:15-16 NKJV)

Until His Soul Was Vexed to Death

*Better to dwell in a corner of a
housetop, Than in a house shared with a
contentious woman.*

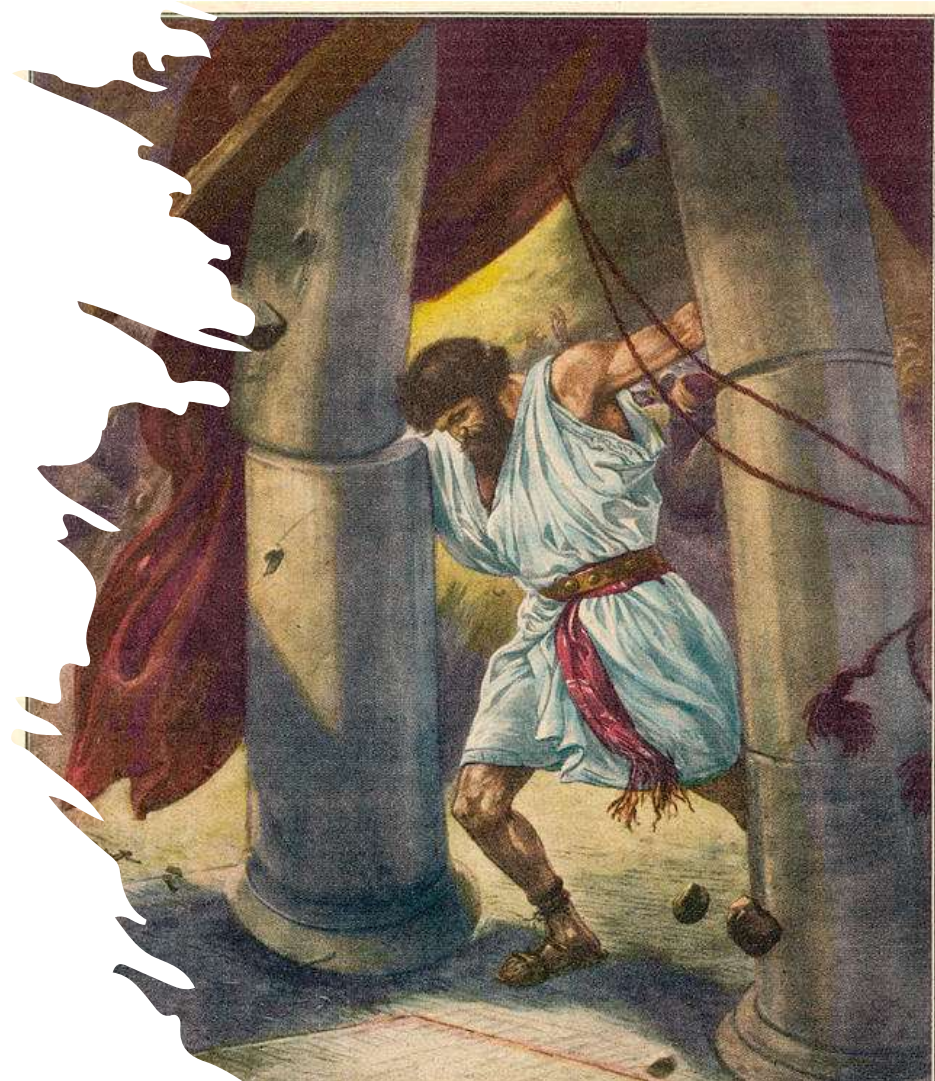
(Proverbs 21:9 NKJV)

*Better to dwell in the wilderness, Than
with a contentious and angry woman.*

(Proverbs 21:19 NKJV)

SAMSON'S TRAGIC DEATH

- The rulers of the Philistines gathered
 - Our god has handed Samson over
 - “Call for Samson so he can entertain us!”
- Position me so I can touch the **PILLARS**
 - Let me die with the Philistines
 - The temple collapsed on the rulers and all the people who were in it.
- His brothers and all his family went down and brought him back.





<https://www.adeffenceofthebible.com/2022/07/13/samson-destroys-the-temple-of-dagon/>