

SAMSON AND DELILAH



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WHO WAS SAMSON?

Samson was born into an Israelite family, and before birth an angel came down to earth to tell Samson's father (Manoah) and mother that their son is going to be a hero.

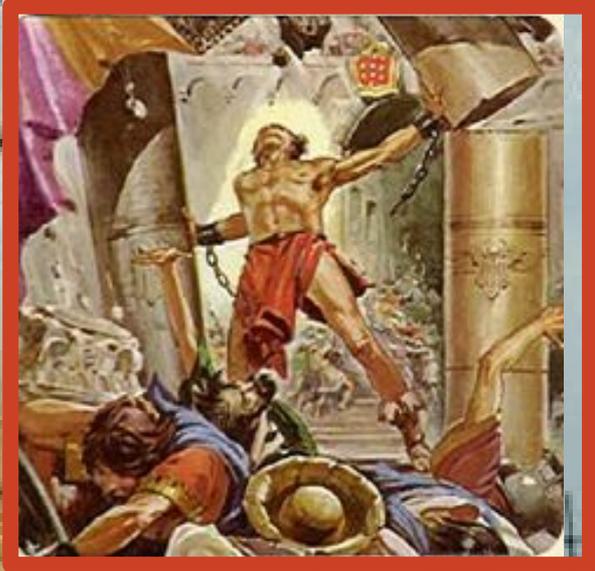
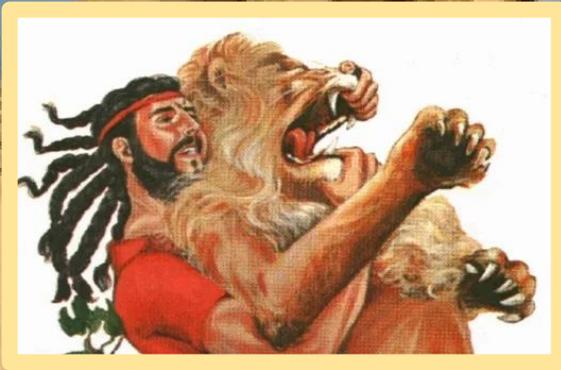
Because there was a big clan war between Israel and the Philistines.



SAMSONS STRENGTH

Samsons story came from the *Hebrew Bible*.

Samson was given supernatural strength by God in order to fight his enemies. But he also had two weaknesses, his hair and his attraction to untrustworthy women. So without his hair he was powerless.

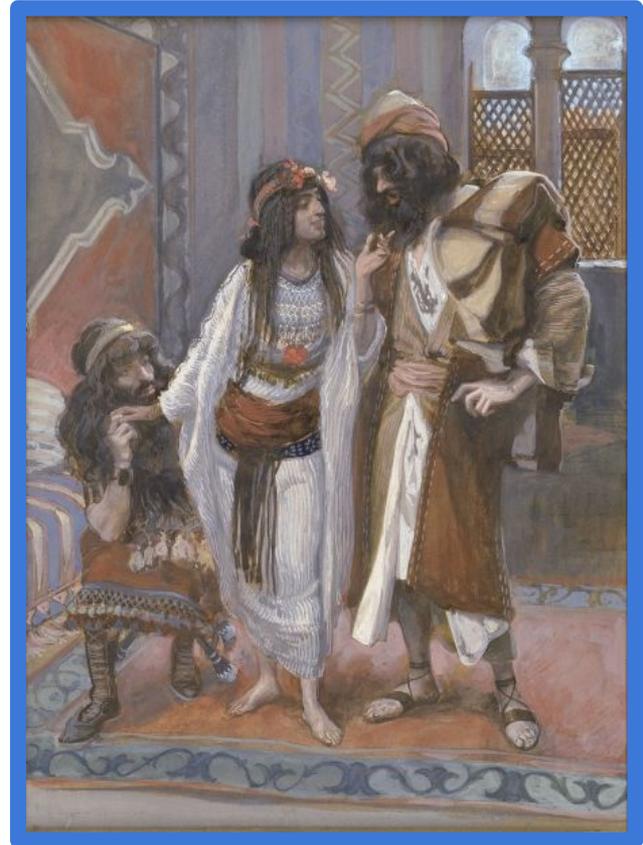


With his power he could slay an entire army or destroy a pagan temple.

WHO WAS DELILAH?

Delilah was a character from the Hebrew Bible “Book of Judges”
Delilah was a prostitute who betrayed Samson for money.

She was approached by the lords of the Philistines and was offered silver for killing Samson by figuring out his weaknesses.



HOW SAMSON AND DELILAH MET

Samson met a prostitute in the Valley of Sorek, her name was Delilah.

So it was when the lord of Philistines found out Samson was into Delilah they started to discuss with Delilah how to take Samson down.



HOW DELILAH SUBDUED SAMSON

Samson quickly fell in love with Delilah. She took this into advantage and asked Samson about his strength and weaknesses.

Samson lied to her three times saying different things which didn't work. The fourth time he told her the truth, that his hair had never been cut and was the reason for his strength.

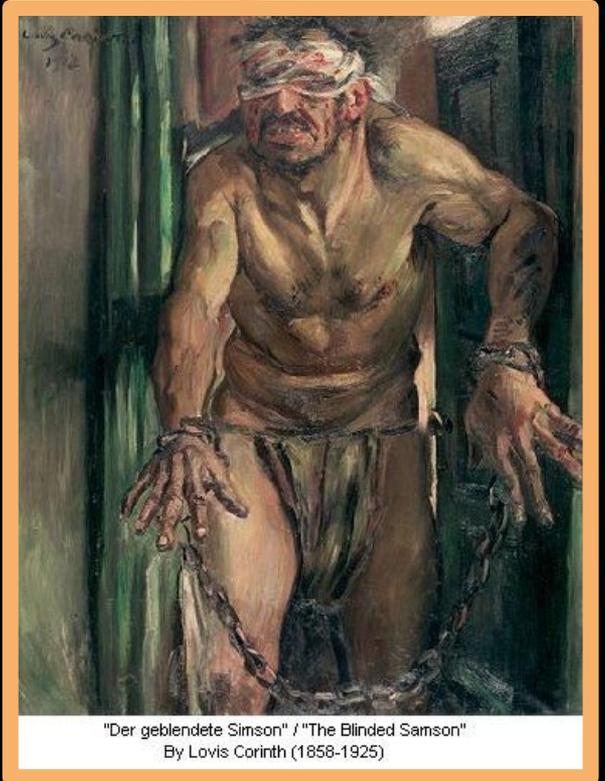
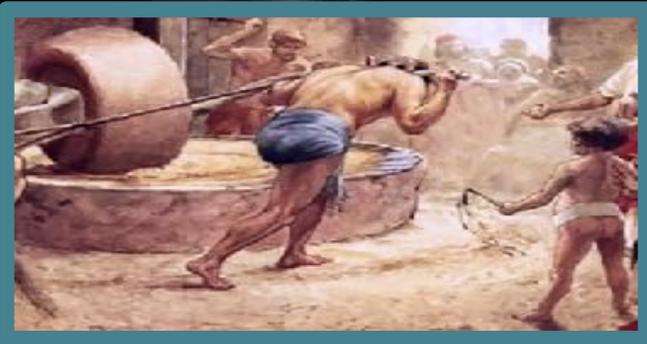
Delilah called the lords of the Philistines and said that she needed one more chance to subdue Samson.



When Samson lost his strength

After Delilah cut his hair off the Philistines gave her the silver she was promised.

Lord of the Pilistines took Samson to Gaza and gouged out his eyes before they leaved. In Gaza the Philistins was binding Samson with bronze shackles and made him grind grain.

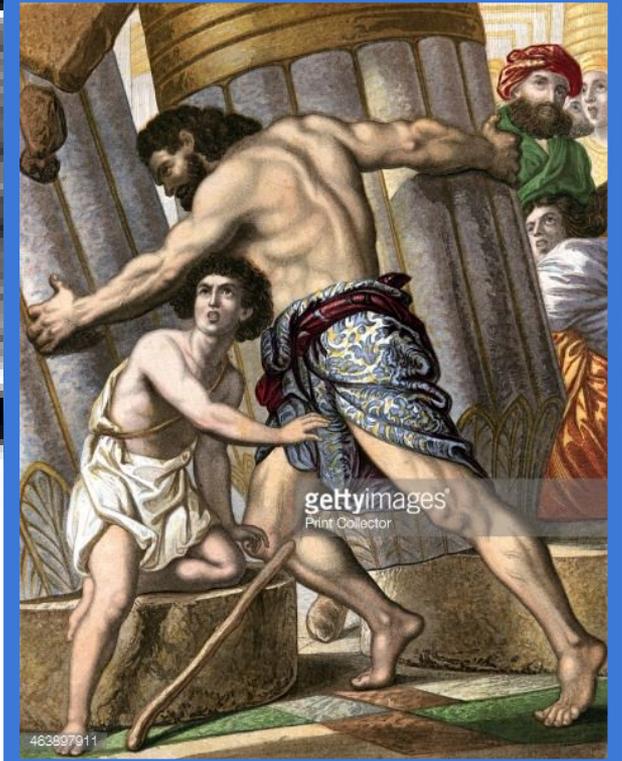


"Der geblendete Simson" / "The Blinded Samson"
By Lovis Corinth (1858-1925)

AND AFTER THAT

When the village found out that Samson was in prison in the same town as they lived in they got really crazy, because Samson was an enemy.

They wanted him out of prison so he could entertain them for fun. So they took him out of prison and he performed for them.



SAMSONS REVENGE

One day they took him out from prison again to entertain the people in the village. They stood on the roof so they looked down at him.

The guards chained him to the pillars that hold the building up because Samson said that he wanted to feel the pillars.

When they least expected it, Samson pulled down the pillars that held the building up.

All of the people who stood on the roof died, Samson also died. It was kind of suicide but it was his revenge.

