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Text: Judges 16

CANDID DESCRIPTION OF SAMSON'S DEEDS

1. Visiting of a harlot in Gaza **Judges 16:1**
2. Surrounded by the Philistines
Ambushed planned **Judges 16:2**
3. Samson's formidable strength
 - a) Doors of the city gates pulled out
 - b) Carried the gate and the gateposts out of the city
 - c) No one could stand up to might

SAMSON AND DELILAH

1. Delilah was another Philistine woman **Judges 16:4**
2. The offer of a significant monetary reward by the lords of the Philistines **Judges 16:4-5**
3. Delilah attempts to find out the source of the strength of Samson
4. Samson offers 3 false answers
 - a) 7 Fresh bowstrings **Judges 16:7**
 - b) New ropes **Judges 16:11**
 - c) Weaving Samson's 7 locks into the web of the loom **Judges 16:13**
5. Samson reveals the secret of his strength
 - a) The Nazarite vow
 - b) Hair had never been cut **Judges 16:16-17**

SAMSON CAPTURED

1. Delilah betrayed Samson **Judges 16:18-19**
2. The strength of Samson was gone **Judges 16:20**
3. Samson was blinded **Judges 16:21**

THE FINAL ACT

1. Special worship of Dagon planned **Judges 16:23-24**

a) To celebrate Samson's capture

b) To praise Dagon

2. Samson was brought out to give them sport **Judges 16:25-27**

3. Samson's prayer to the Lord **Judges 16:28**

a) Remember me

b) Strengthen me

c) Vengeance (judgment of the Philistines)

d) He was prepared to die with the Philistines

4. Prayer answered

About three thousand Philistines were slain **Judges 16:27**

5. Burial of Samson

a) Brothers of Samson risked their lives to search for Samson's body

b) They buried him in the tomb of his father Manoah **Judges 16:31**