

In The Days When The Judges Ruled

Lesson 15

Samson Begins To Judge Israel

Judg. 15

Introduction

This chapter records three examples of the kind of vengeful blows Samson inflicted upon the Philistines during his 20-year period as a judge. Each Philistine provocation was met with a swift and destructive response. It was through these personal displays of super-human strength that God was able to use Samson in His judgment against Philistia.

- 1) What did Samson decide to do after some time passed? (v. 1a) How did his father-in-law prevent him? (vv. 1b-2a) What did he offer Samson as an alternative? (v. 2b)

- 2) Where did Samson place the blame and what did he decide to do? (vv. 3-5) How did the Philistines react? (v. 6)

- 3) What was Samson's response to the Philistines' reaction? (vv. 7-8)

- 4) *Thought question*: connect what we have seen so far re: Samson's actions back to 13:5.

- 5) What was the next Philistine course of action? (v. 9) How did Judah respond? (v. 10a) How did the Philistines respond? (v. 10b)

