

~DELILAH (157)

(De-li'lah) [possibly, dangling]

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- A woman living in the torrent valley of Sorek. **Delilah** is introduced into the Bible account toward the final part of Samson's 20-year judgeship as the object of his love.
- Later his brothers and all the household of his father came on down and lifted him up and brought him up and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the burial place of Manoah his father. As for him, he had judged Israel twenty years. (**Judges 16:31**)
- The axis lords of the Philistines, anxious to destroy Samson, each offered **Delilah** 1,100 pieces of silver, if shekels, \$2,422, to find out for them wherein Samson's great power lay. She cooperated by questioning Samson as to what would render him powerless.
- Each time Samson answered, she notified the Philistines and hid in her house Philistine warriors who were ready to take advantage of Samson in the event he lost his strength. After three misleading answers by Samson, Delilah continued to pester him and pressured him with her words all the time and kept urging him, so that his soul got to be impatient to the point of dying.
- Then he told her of his Naziriteship and that no razor had ever touched his head. Certain of having the truth this time, she sent for the Philistine axis lords, and they came to bring her the money.
- While Samson slept upon her knees, an attendant cut off the seven braids of his hair. Upon awakening, Samson found that this time his divinely provided power was not there. The hiding Philistines grabbed hold of him, blinded him, and took him prisoner.
- And it came about after that that he fell in love with a woman in the torrent valley of Sorek, and her name was **Delilah**. (**Judges 16:4**)
- And the axis lords of the Philistines proceeded to come up to her and to say to her; Fool him and see in what his great power is and with what we can prevail over him and with what we are

certain to tie him so as to master him, and we, for our part, shall give you each one thousand one hundred silver pieces. (**Judges 16:5**)

- Later **Delilah** said to Samson; Do tell me, please; In what is your great power and with what can you be tied for one to master you? (**Judges 16:6**)
- Then Samson said to her; If they tie me with seven still-moist sinews that have not been dried out, I must also grow weak and become like an ordinary man. (**Judges 16:7**)
- So the axis lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven still-moist sinews that had not been dried out. Later she tied him with them. (**Judges 16:8**)
- Now the ambush was sitting in the interior room of hers, and she began to say to him; The Philistines are upon you, Samson! At that he tore the sinews in two, just as a twisted thread of tow is torn in two when it smells fire. And his power did not become known. (**Judges 16:9**)
- Subsequently **Delilah** said to Samson; Look! You have trifled with me that you might speak lies to me. Now tell me, do please, with what you can be tied. (**Judges 16:10**)
- So he said to her; If they tie me tight with new ropes with which no work has been done, I must also grow weak and become like an ordinary man. (**Judges 16:11**)
- So **Delilah** took new ropes and tied him with them and said to him; The Philistines are upon you, Samson! All the while the ambush was sitting in the interior room. At that he tore them in two from off his arms like a thread. (**Judges 16:12**)
- After that **Delilah** said to Samson; Up till now you have trifled with me that you might speak lies to me. Do tell me with what you can be tied. Then he said to her; If you will weave the seven braids of my head with the warp thread. (**Judges 16:13**)
- Accordingly she fixed them with the pin, after which she said to him; The Philistines are upon you, Samson! So he awoke from his sleep and pulled out the loom pin and the warp thread. (**Judges 16:14**)

- She now said to him; How dare you say; I do love you, when your heart is not with me? These three times you have trifled with me and have not told me in what your great power is. (Judges 16:15)
- And it came about that because she pressured him with her words all the time and kept urging him, his soul got to be impatient to the point of dying. (Judges 16:16)
- Finally he disclosed to her all his heart and said to her; A razor has never come upon my head, because I am a Nazirite of God from my mother's belly. If I did get shaved, my power also would certainly depart from me, and I should indeed grow weak and become like all other men. (Judges 16:17)
- When **Delilah** got to see that he had disclosed to her all his heart, she immediately sent and called the Philistine axis lords, saying; Come up this time, for he has disclosed to me all his heart. And the Philistine axis lords came up to her that they might bring up the money in their hand. (Judges 16:18)
- And she proceeded to make him sleep upon her knees. Then she called the man and had him shave off the seven braids of his head, after which she started to show the mastery of him, and his power kept departing from upon him. (Judges 16:19)
- Now she said; The Philistines are upon you, Samson! At that he woke up from his sleep and said; I shall go out as at other times and shake myself free. And he himself did not know that it was Yehowah that had departed from him. (Judges 16:20)
- So the Philistines grabbed hold of him and bored his eyes out and brought him down to Gaza and bound him with two fetters of copper, and he came to be a grinder in the prison house. (Judges 16:21)
- **Delilah** is mentioned no more in the Bible account.
- The Bible does not say that sexual relationship took place between **Delilah** and Samson or that she was a prostitute. The prostitute mentioned at;
- Once Samson went to Gaza and saw a prostitute woman there

and came in to her. (**Judges 16:1**)

- And report was made to the Gazites, saying; Samson has come in here. So they surrounded him and lay in wait for him all night long in the city gate. And they kept quiet the whole night, saying; As soon as the morning gets light, we must also kill him. (**Judges 16:2**)

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- This prostitute lived at Gaza, whereas **Delilah** lived in the torrent valley of Sorek. Also, the following evidence indicates **Delilah** possibly was an Israelitess, not a Philistine. When the axis lords presented their proposal it was based on an extravagant sum of money and not on patriotic sentiment.
- And the axis lords of the Philistines proceeded to come up to her and to say to her; Fool him and see in what his great power is and with what we can prevail over him and with what we are certain to tie him so as to master him, and we, for our part, shall give you each one thousand one hundred silver pieces. (**Judges 16:5**)