

JUDGES

Wednesday, November 7, 2018
Week 18: Jawbone Hill

Scripture Reading: Judges 15:1-20

1. Samson the arsonist (verses 1-8)

- Samson has hidden intentions with his “*gift*” in verse 1
- Samson takes matters into his own hands in verses 4-5:
 - Samson is a gifted outdoorsman
 - The Bible is not condoning animal cruelty
 - Through strange events, Israel is finding deliverance
- Judges 14:15 is fulfilled in 15:6
- “*struck them hip and thigh*” = severely wounded, often leading to death

2. Samson the hostage (verses 9-13)

- Judah, allies of Samson & a tribe of Israel take him hostage
- “*bound him with two new ropes*”

3. Samson the jawbone swinger (verses 14-17)

- Third time we see “*The Spirit of the LORD*” with Samson

- Breaks the Nazirite vow once again
- War-like chant in verse 16
- Takes the credit and renames the place in verse 17
 - Up to this point, Samson has killed 1,030 Philistines single-handedly

4. Samson the water-seeker (verses 18-20)

- Samson's call to God for immediate aid, not long-term deliverance
- Surprisingly, God responds (keeping Judges 10:13-14 in mind)
- Ramath-lehi changed to En-hakkore, meaning "*The Called Spring*"

- **What do we learn from Judges 15?**
 - *Don't take matters into your own hands*

 - *Call out to God for deliverance, not only superficial needs*