



SAMSON SERIES

Part 3: God
Behind The Man

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135 A.D.

Roman Emperor Hadrian expels the Jews out of Jerusalem and renamed the area Palaestina after the Philistines.

Most Jews fled Israel and settled in areas in Eastern Europe. By this time Christianity had begun and was spreading in the Middle East and into Europe.

Israel becomes known as Palestine.



Roman Empire



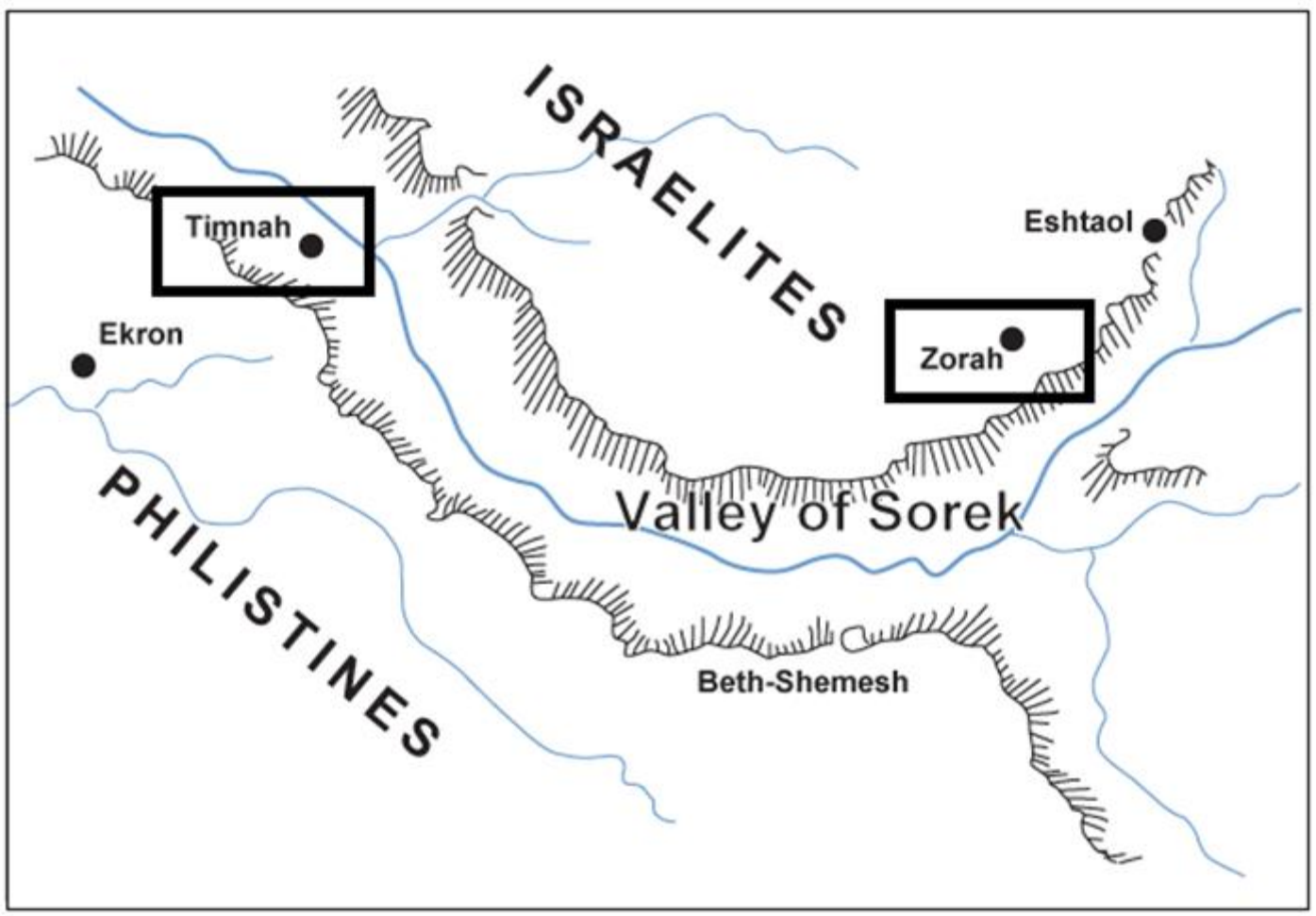
“Now Samson went down to Timnah, and saw a woman in Timnah of the daughters of the Philistines. So he went up and told his father and mother, saying, “I have seen a woman in Timnah of the daughters of the Philistines; now therefore, get her for me as a wife.”

Then his father and mother said to him, “Is there no woman among the daughters of your brethren, or among all my people, that you must go and get a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines?”

And Samson said to his father, “Get her for me, for she pleases me well.

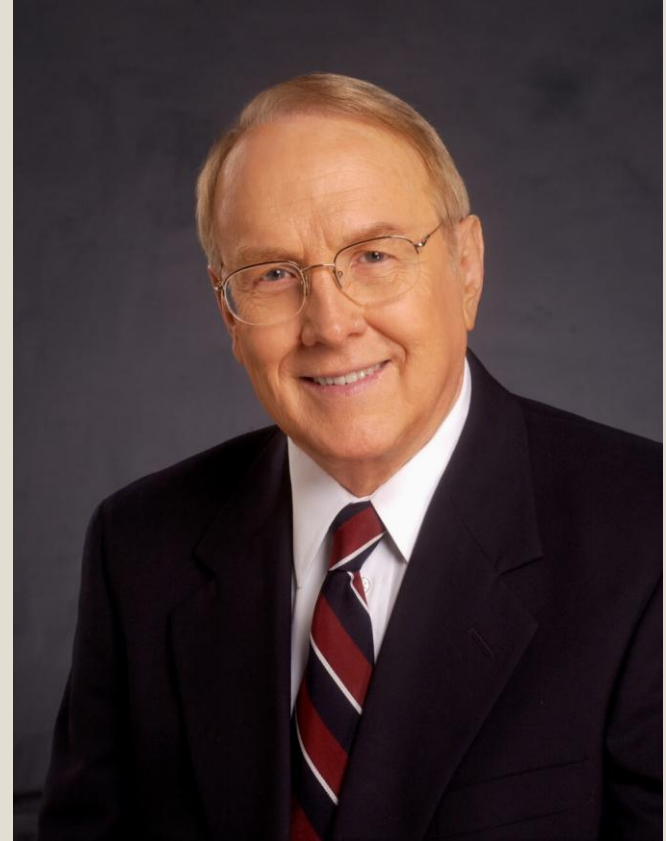
But his father and mother did not know that it was of the LORD—that He was seeking an occasion to move against the Philistines. For at that time the Philistines had dominion over Israel. So Samson went down to Timnah with his father and mother, and came to the vineyards of Timnah. Now to his surprise, a young lion came roaring against him. And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he tore the lion apart as one would have torn apart a young goat, though he had nothing in his hand. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done.”

Judges 14:1-6 NKJV



*“We crave that which we cannot attain,
but disrespect that which we can’t escape.”*

- Dr James Dobson





AFTER

“So he went up and told his father and mother, saying, “I have seen a woman in Timnah of the daughters of the Philistines; now therefore, get her for me as a wife.””

Judges 14:2 NKJV

““I have made a covenant with my eyes; Why then should I look upon a young woman?”

Job 31:1 NKJV



“[L]ooking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Hebrews 12:2 NKJV

“Then his father and mother said to him, “Is there no woman among the daughters of your brethren, or among all my people, that you must go and get a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines?” And Samson said to his father, “Get her for me, for she pleases me well.””

Judges 14:3 NKJV

“Then David spoke to the men who stood by him, saying, “What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?””

I Samuel 17:26 NKJV



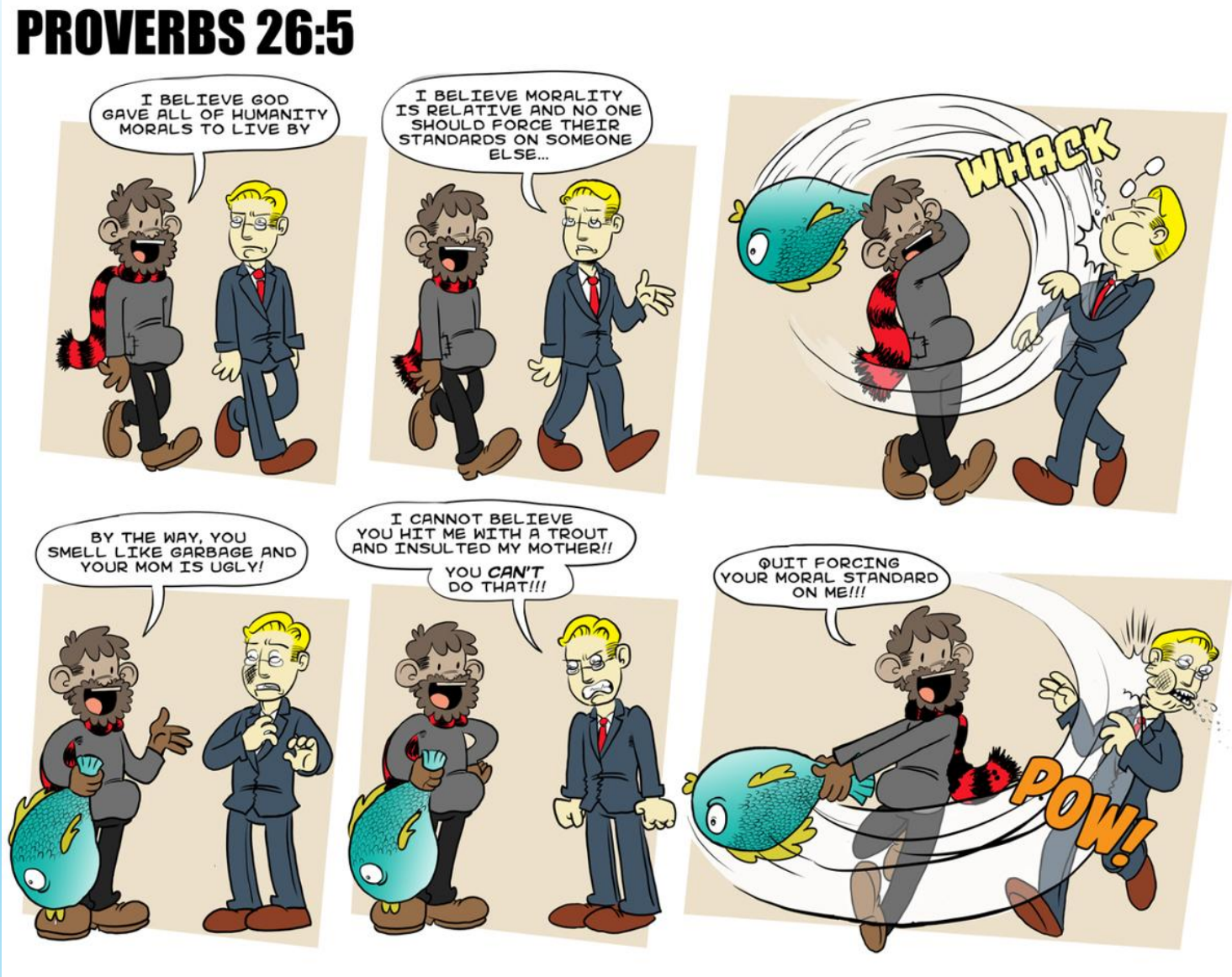
They failed to mention:

- Intermarriage with non-Israelites was forbidden by the LORD (Deut 7:1-5).
- They never mentioned his special Nazarite-status within Israel, that he was specifically called to by the LORD - and how intermarriage with non-Israelites would compromise his mission.
- That it was the LORD's agenda for Samson to deliver Israel from the Philistines - not marry them!

And Samson said to his father, “Get her for me, for she pleases me well.””
Judges 14:3 NKJV

“Get her for me, for she pleases me well”. This phrase literally means:
Get her for me because she is right in **my** eyes.

“Answer a fool according to his folly, Lest he be wise in his own eyes.”



“[F]or when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them) in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.”

Romans 2:14-16 NKJV

“For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.”

Romans 3:23-24 NLT

“But his father and mother did not know that it was of the LORD —that He was seeking an occasion to move against the Philistines. For at that time the Philistines had dominion over Israel.”

Judges 14:4 NKJV



“So Samson went down to Timnah with his father and mother, and came to the vineyards of Timnah. Now to his surprise, a young lion came roaring against him. And the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him, and he tore the lion apart as one would have torn apart a young goat, though he had nothing in his hand. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done.”

Judges 14:5-6 NKJV



