

God's Plan

Unfolding

Romans 4:3

For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.”

- Sarah
- Rebecca
- Rachel
- Samson's mother
- The Shunamite lady
- Hannah
- Elisabeth

Judges 16:3

And Samson lay low till midnight; then he arose at midnight, took hold of the doors of the gate of the city and the two gateposts, pulled them up, bar and all, put them on his shoulders, and carried them to the top of the hill that faces Hebron.

John 8:12

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”

Matthew 5:14

“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.”

Ephesians 5:8

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light

2 Kings 4:32,35

32 When Elisha came into the house, there was the child, lying dead on his bed ...

35 He returned and walked back and forth in the house, and again went up and stretched himself out on him; then the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.

1 Samuel 3:1,9

1 Now the boy Samuel ministered to the Lord before Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no widespread revelation.

9 Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and it shall be, if He calls you, that you must say, ‘Speak, Lord, for Your servant hears.’ ” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Samson, a type of Christ

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- ✓ Consecrated from birth
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- ✓ Betrayed for money
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Judges 13:6-7 and 18

6 So the woman came and told her husband, saying, “A Man of God came to me, and His countenance was like the countenance of the Angel of God, very awesome; but I did not ask Him where He was from, and He did not tell me His name.

7 And He said to me, ‘Behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. Now drink no wine or similar drink, nor eat anything unclean, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb to the day of his death.’ ”

18 “Why do you ask My name, seeing it is wonderful?”

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Judges 15:11-12

11 Then three thousand men of Judah went down to the cleft of the rock of Etam, and said to Samson, “Do you not know that the Philistines rule over us? What is this you have done to us?” And he said to them, “As they did to me, so I have done to them.”

12 But they said to him, “We have come down to arrest you, that we may deliver you into the hand of the Philistines.”

John 11:48

If we let Him alone like this, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and nation.”

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Parallels between Samson and David

- ✓ Both first realized the power of God's Spirit in them by killing lions.
- ✓ Both had to fight to fulfil their wedding obligations (Samson killed 30 / David 200).
- ✓ Both men married women whose fathers-in-law gave their daughters to other men.
- ✓ Both became renowned for fighting the Philistines. (Samson 4,030 / David ten of thousands)
- ✓ They were nothing special to look at. (Saul looked like a king but David looked like a shepherd boy, Samson was not particularly muscled, He just had the strength of God)

The fight against sin

- ✓ The Philistines are a representation of sin
- ✓ They occupied Israel
- ✓ Samson was to start the fight against them
- ✓ David was to chase them out of Israel for good
- ✓ The Philistines fought against the land but never invaded again
- ✓ Jesus conquered sin at the cross
- ✓ Our spirit is redeemed but our flesh still sins
- ✓ When Jesus comes back, our flesh will be changed and there will be no more sin

Galatians 5:17

For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

Romans 7:22-24

22 For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. 23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. 24 O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? 25 I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Parallels between these miracle children and us

- ✓ Samson had strength, we have strength (We can do all things through Christ)
- ✓ Samson was separated for life, we are separated unto God since we believed for the rest of our life. We are His children now.
- ✓ Samuel had a close relationship with God, we have a close relationship with God
- ✓ The Shunamite son rose from the dead, we have died, been buried and have risen with Christ
- ✓ John presented salvation through Jesus, we have believed in Jesus and are saved, eternally secure.
- ✓ God knew them before they were born, God knew us before we were born
- ✓ We have the complete package!

Psalm 139:15-16

My frame (bones, strength) was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them.

Luke 10:41-42

41 And Jesus answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things.

42 But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.”

Judges 16:28-30

28 Then Samson called to the Lord, saying, “O Lord God, remember me, I pray! Strengthen me, I pray, just this once, O God, that I may with one blow take vengeance on the Philistines for my two eyes!”

29 And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars which supported the temple, and he braced himself against them, one on his right and the other on his left.

30 Then Samson said, “Let me die with the Philistines!” And he pushed with all his might, and the temple fell on the lords and all the people who were in it. So the dead that he killed at his death were more than he had killed in his life.

2 Timothy 2:1 and 2 Timothy 1:6-7

1 You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

6 Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God...

7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.