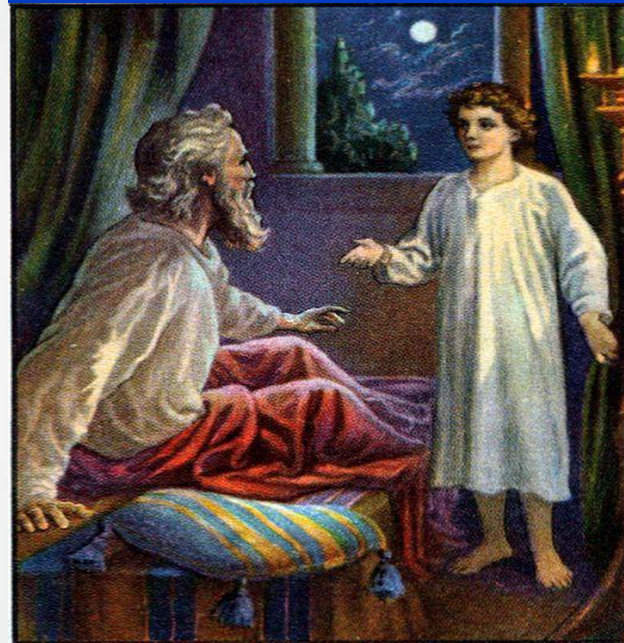
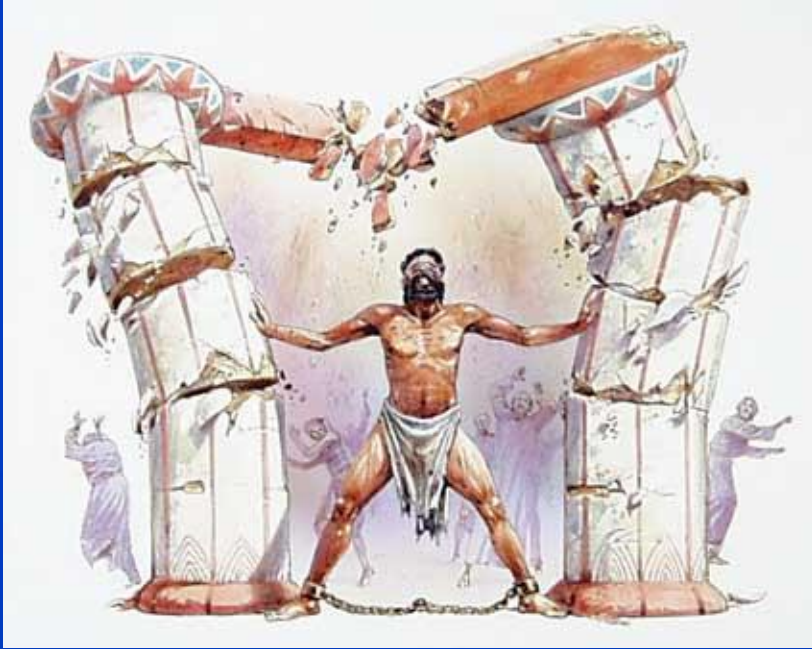


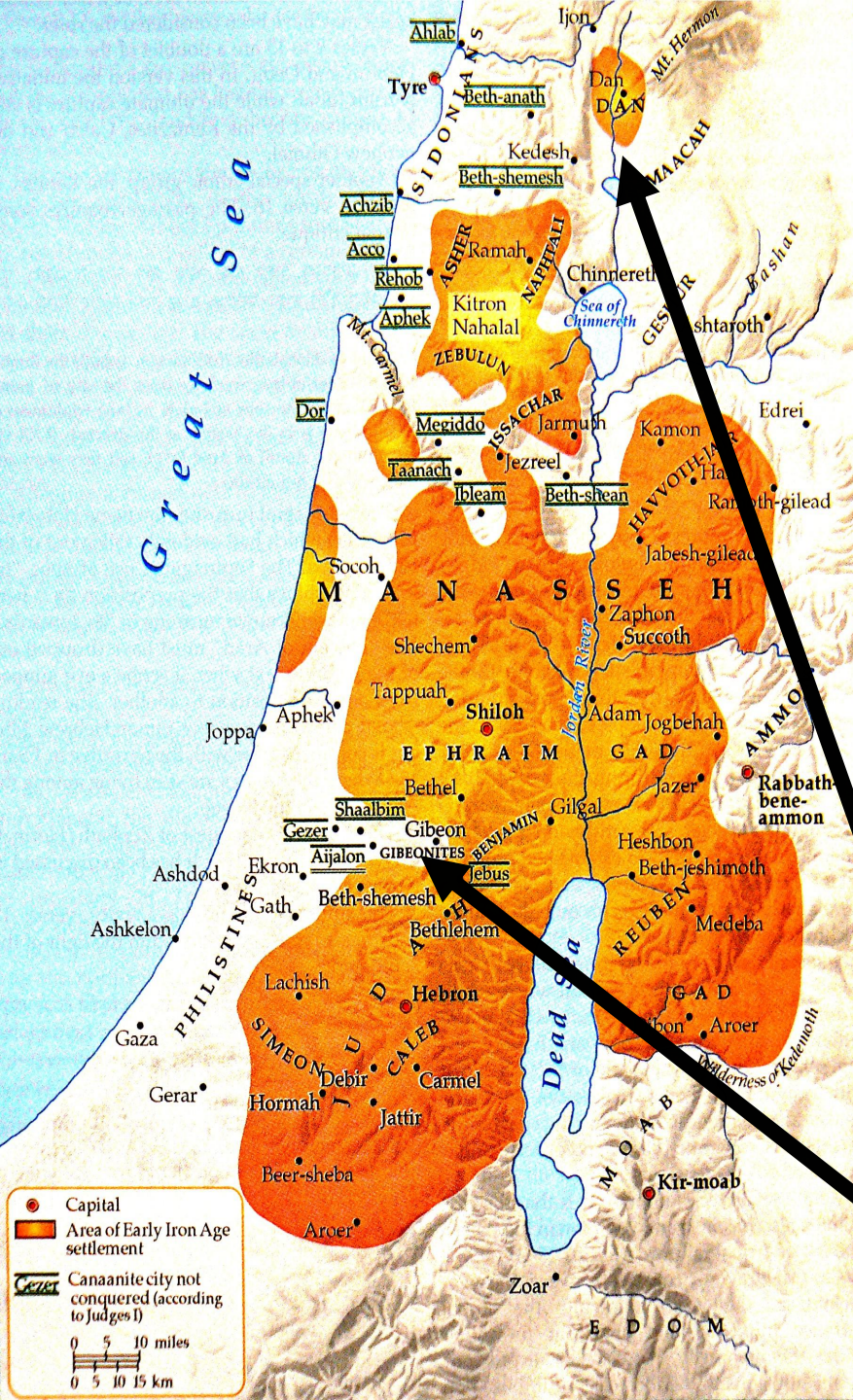
JUDGES 13: SAMSON



- Parallel between Paul's lament of Romans 7 and Samson's predicament
- Samson judged from about 1070 BC to 1050 BC
- Overlapped with the time of Samuel
- Samson operating mainly on behalf of the tribe of Dan

PHILISTINE OPPRESSION

- Each “Judge Cycle” begins the same way
- But this time the Israelites do NOT cry out to God to save them
- Dan rather easily accepted their Philistine masters
- Large portion of Dan moved to the north
- Remainder stayed in other tribal territories nearby



SAMSON'S UNIQUE BIRTH

- Samson's birth announced by God
- Rabbis decided that this meant Samson was on a very high spiritual plane
- Samson never raised an army, he was a one-man-gang
- Rabbis made-up exotic excuses for Samson's behavior
- Christianity more realistic about Samson's flaws



MANOACH'S WIFE WAS BARREN

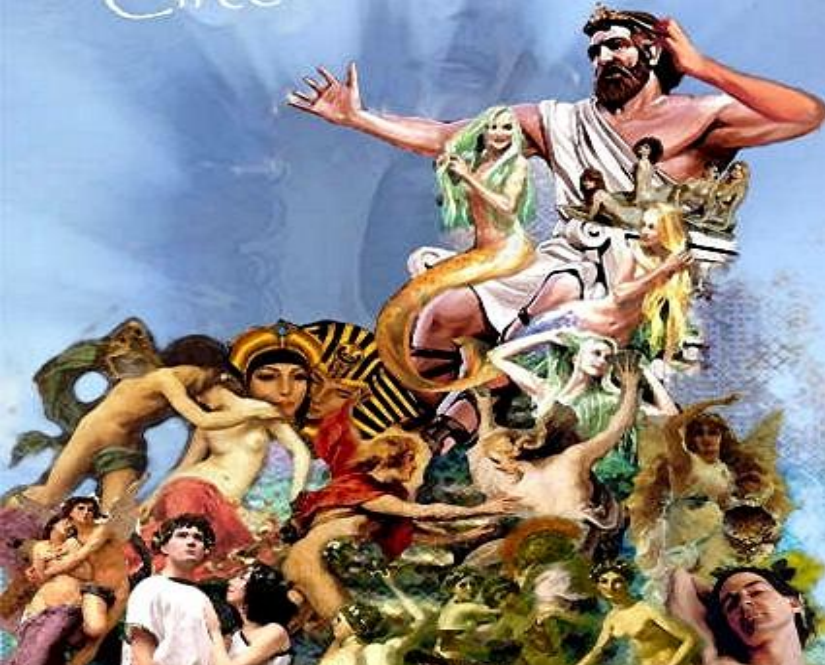
- Being barren was seen as exclusively the woman's problem
- **Malach YHWH** = Angel of the Lord
- Woman didn't realize this was the Lord
- **Nazir** = Nazarite
- Child would be **Nazir** starting in the womb
- 1) cannot consume grape products
- 2) cannot touch dead body
- 3) cannot cut hair



SAMSON ONLY TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF LIBERATION

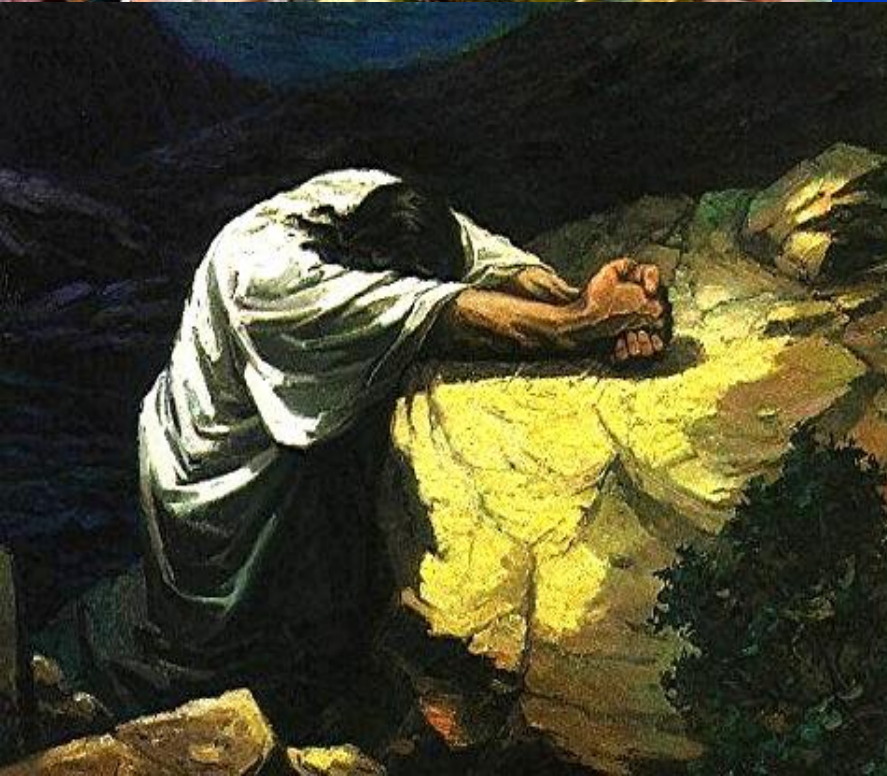


- “Israel” here referring to tribe of Dan
- *Ish elohim* = man of god
- Man of god = a prophet
- *Mar’eh* = appearance
- *Malach elohim* = angel of a god (a regular angel)
- Woman didn’t know who or what had spoken to her



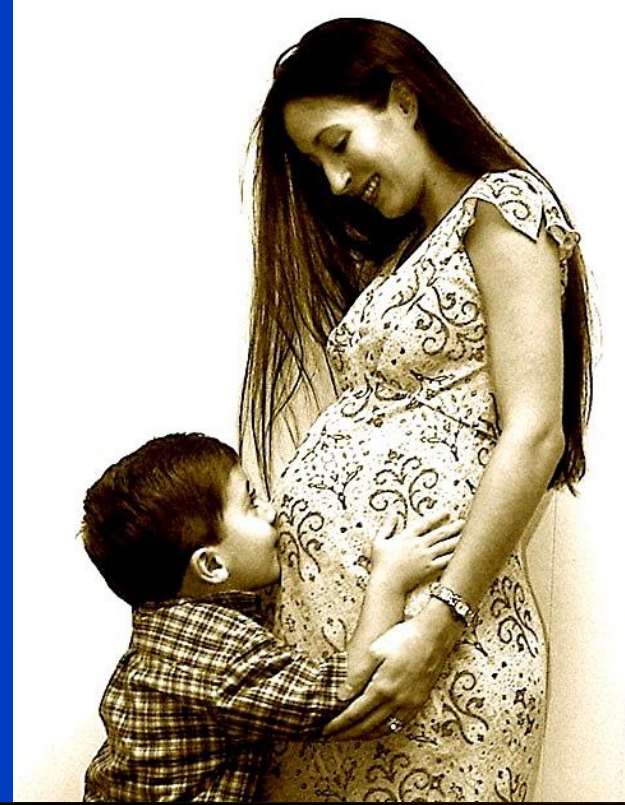
SIGNIFICANCE OF A NAME

- *Shem* = name
- Means attributes, characteristics, reputation, heritage, purpose in life
- Name of a god indicated their sphere of influence
- Name a person indicated their innate nature, or destiny, or abilities
- Praying or acting in Jesus' name means to pray or act in His manner, attitude, and status He has given us



SAMSON'S MOTHER TO BEHAVE AS A NAZIR

- Manoach prayed for the “prophet” to come back
- Samson’s mother was NOT going to be a nazir, but she was to behave as one while Samson was in her womb
- Mother and babe are as one
- Characteristics of the nazir were to pass from mother to child



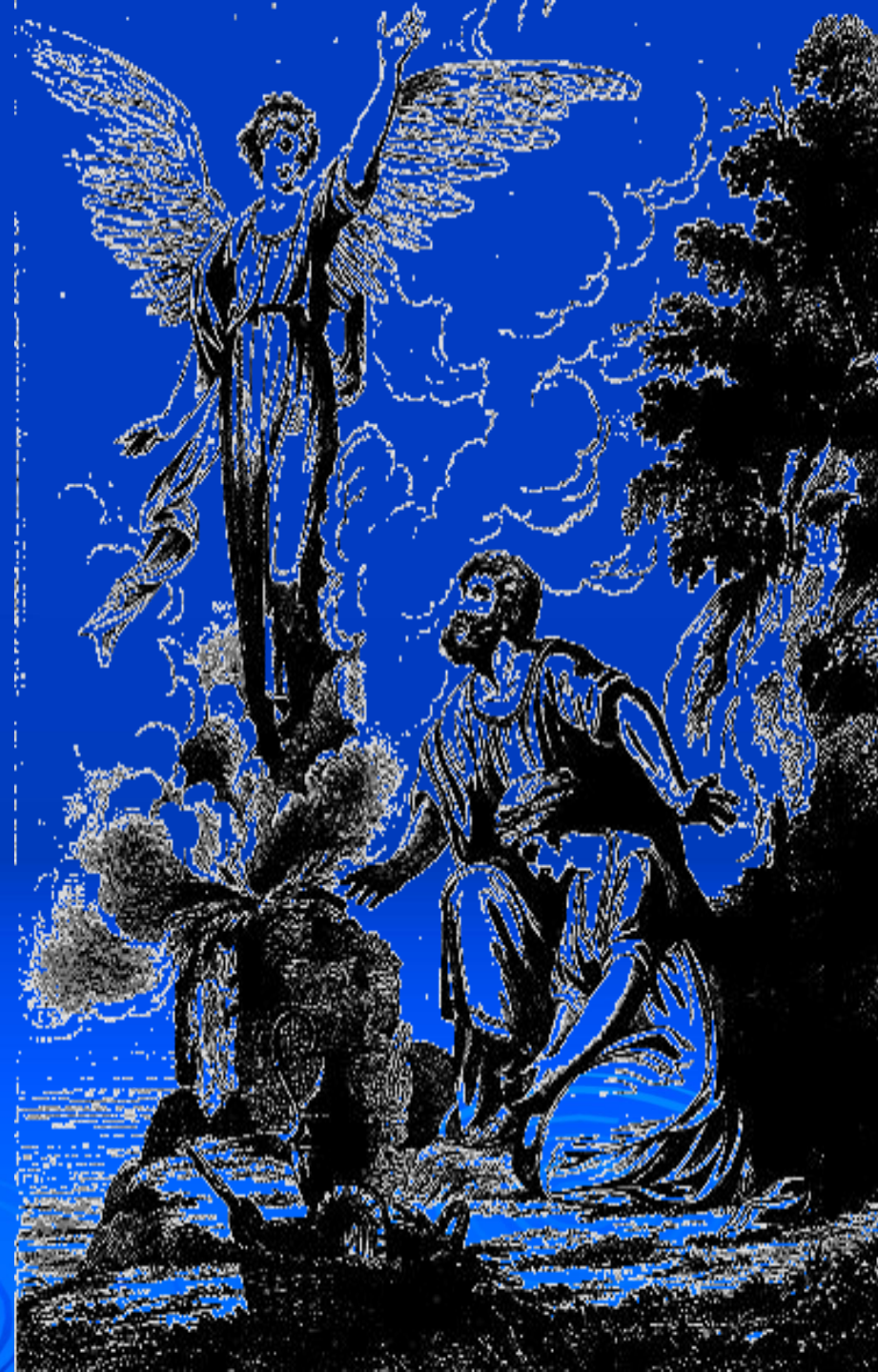
MANOACH OFFERS HOSPITALITY



- Angel of the Lord returns
- Manoach asks how they are to raise the child
- Pattern is revealed in the non-answer
- We will be given the assignment, sometimes know the goal, but usually not what is going to happen in between!
- We must walk in faith
- The being refuses the food and says to offer it to YHWH

SOMETHING WONDERFUL!!

- Manoach asks the burning question that is on his mind: What is your name?
- Angel of the Lord answers: **Pille**
- **Pille** = incomprehensible, extraordinary, beyond understanding
- Meant something much different than the common way we use “wonderful” today



MANOACH OFFERS AN 'OLAH



- *'Olah* is NOT burnt offering
- ALL sacrifices are burnt offerings (on the altar)
- *'Olah* = near offering
- *Minchah* accompanies an *'Olah*
- Manoach's offering was acceptable to the Lord
- Priesthood almost defunct at this time
- The Being melded into the flames and rose upward!

THE ANGEL OF THE LORD IS YHWH!

- Nothing in Holy Scripture to indicate that the Angel of the Lord is Jesus pre-incarnate
- Trinity concept of only 3 possible manifestations of God based on only 1 scripture verse, Matt. 28:19
- God is a compound unity; He is one (echad) but He manifests Himself in more than one way
- Manoach thought they would die because they saw God
- His wife knew that God would not choose to come to them and then kill them for it!

PALESTINIANS ARE THE NEW PHILISTINES

- Palestinians is Greek for Philistines
- Samson BEGAN to liberate, but didn't finish it
- King David temporarily stopped the Philistines
- In our time the Philistines have reformed themselves as a nation, right back in the same place (Gaza)
- It took a king (David) in past times, it will take a new king (Yeshua) to end the oppression of the Philistines today

