

Judges 13

King James Version (KJV)

(This will be the last Judge – in the Book of Judges. Eli and Samuel are also called judges, but they are written in other Books)

13 And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD delivered them into the hand of the Philistines forty years. (evil= THE evil = idolatry) (The times – 1120 BC → 1080 BC; about 80 years before Saul became the first man king of Israel)

²And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren, and bare not. (Manoah means rest) (This is one of many times where a barren woman delivered a person that would be utilized by God. All the way from Sarah, to Rachel, to Elizabeth, etc...)

³And the angel of the LORD appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou art barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son. (Angel of the LORD – this is God, appearing in angelic form) (The son will be Samson – the 13th judge; 12th judge raised by God, since Abimelech was raised by man and not by God)

⁴Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing:

⁵For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.

(A Nazarite <Numbers-6> was one who was dedicated to God, by taking a vow for a period of time. When the vow was over, they would be allowed to cut their hair, and the hair would be burned on the altar as an offering to God. Unlike other Nazarites, Sampson's vow was for life)

⁶Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, A man of God came unto me, and his countenance was like the countenance of an angel of God, very terrible: but I asked him not whence he was, neither told he me his name: (terrible= awesome – bad translation) (A man of God – she didn't realize that she was speaking to God)

⁷But he said unto me, Behold, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and now drink no wine nor strong drink, neither eat any unclean thing:

for the child shall be a Nazarite to God from the womb to the day of his death.

⁸Then Manoah intreated the LORD, and said, O my Lord, let the man of God which thou didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born. (Manoah had faith in God. He believed his wife)

⁹And God hearkened to the voice of Manoah; and the angel of God came again unto the woman as she sat in the field: but Manoah her husband was not with her.

¹⁰And the woman made haste, and ran, and shewed her husband, and said unto him, Behold, the man hath appeared unto me, that came unto me the other day.

¹¹And Manoah arose, and went after his wife, and came to the man, and said unto him, Art thou the man that spakest unto the woman? And he said, I am. Exodus-3:14 (I Am that I Am - Yahoveh – the name that God called Himself by, when He spoke to Moses)

¹²And Manoah said, Now let thy words come to pass. How shall we order the child, and how shall we do unto him? (They are trying to do this right, as they realized that it was important to God)

¹³And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, Of all that I said unto the woman let her beware.

¹⁴She may not eat of any thing that cometh of the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing: all that I commanded her let her observe. (During her pregnancy) (grapes, raisin cakes, wine, alcohol, unclean animals)

¹⁵And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, I pray thee, let us detain thee, until we shall have made ready a kid for thee. (Manoa is offering this prophet a good meal. This was good manners when receiving a guest)

¹⁶And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, Though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy bread: and if thou wilt offer a burnt offering, thou must offer it unto the LORD. For Manoah knew not that he was an angel of the LORD. (This messenger is God in angelic form; not just a prophet. Manoah doesn't realize that yet)

¹⁷ And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, What is thy name, that when thy sayings come to pass we may do thee honour? (Manoa still doesn't understand that he is talking to God)

¹⁸ And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Why askest thou thus after my name, seeing it is secret? (Secret = wonderful - in the Hebrew - secret is a bad translation)

see Isaiah-9:6 (This angel was god in angelic form. Jesus was God in the flesh – One God – many offices)

¹⁹ So Manoah took a kid with a meat offering, and offered it upon a rock unto the LORD: and the angel did wonderously; and Manoah and his wife looked on. (wonderously- a different form of the same word <wonderful> in the previous verse)

²⁰ For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar. And Manoah and his wife looked on it, and fell on their faces to the ground. (They finally get it. He was God; not a messenger, not a prophet)

²¹ But the angel of the LORD did no more appear to Manoah and to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he was an angel of the LORD.

²² And Manoah said unto his wife, We shall surely die, because we have seen God. 1Corinthians-15:50 (No living person can enter the dimension where God's Kingdom exists. That was also believed in the time of this writing)

(As the Angel of the Lord, God manifested Himself in a form that flesh man could see Him and speak with Him)

²³ But his wife said unto him, If the LORD were pleased to kill us, he would not have received a burnt offering and a meat offering at our hands, neither would he have shewed us all these things, nor would as at this time have told us such things as these. (She is wiser than her husband. They're not going to die. They're going to be parents to a special person, sent by God Himself)

²⁴ And the woman bare a son, and called his name Samson: and the child grew, and the LORD blessed him. (Samson was a type for Jesus; a deliverer from evil. Samson – translated, means – like the sun, or sunny blessed)

²⁵ And the Spirit of the LORD began to move him at times in the camp of Dan between Zorah and Eshtaol. (This is on the border of Dan and Judah)