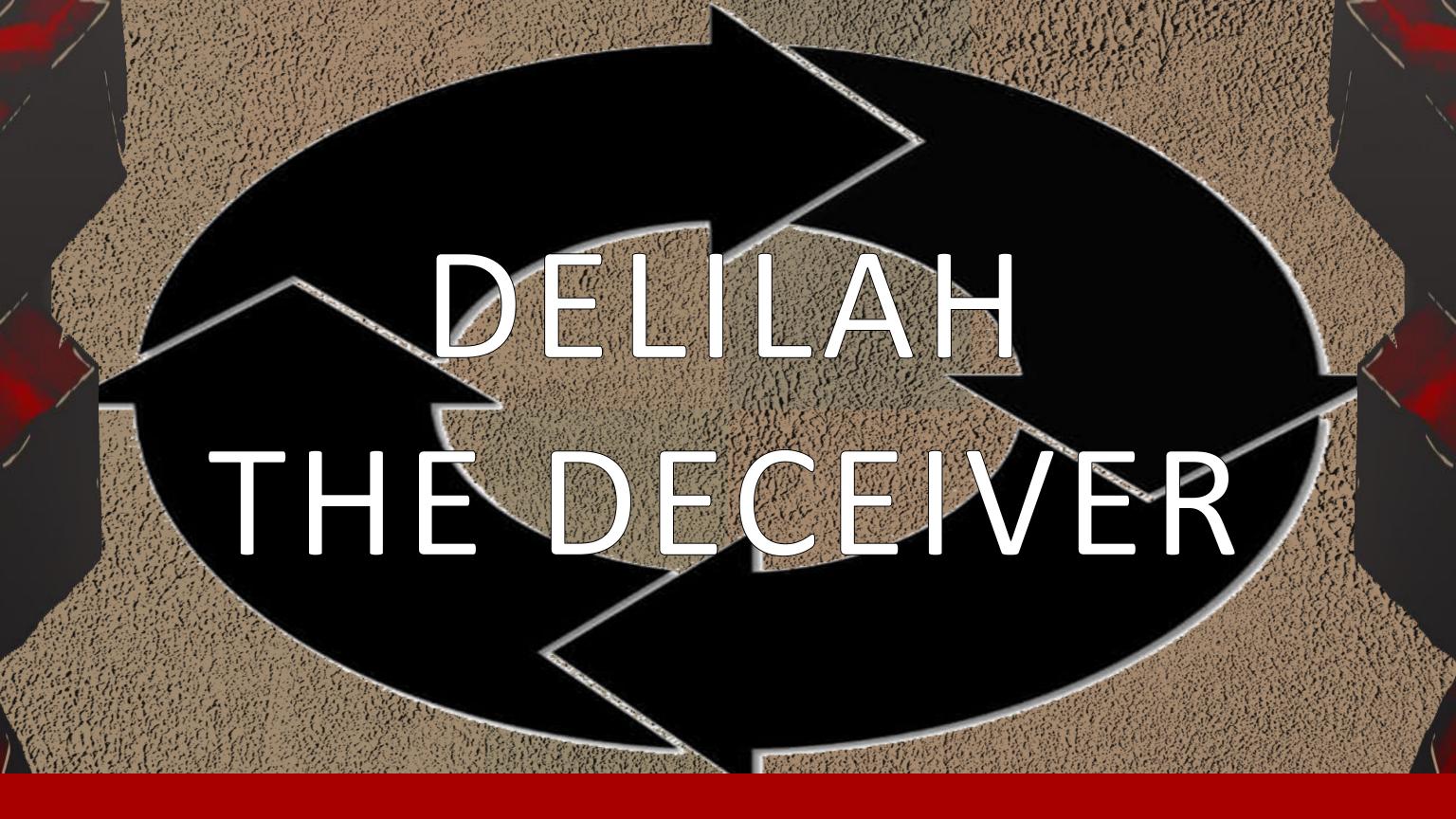


Judges 16:1-14





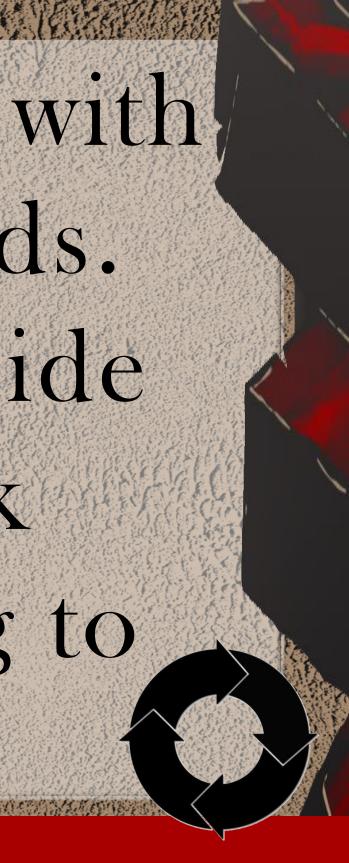
Judges 16:1-2 We're not sure why Samson was in Gaza, but while he was there, a harlot caught his attention



Trusting in Jesus means surrending ALL our broken pieces into His capable hands



While Samson is inside with the harlot, word spreads. So these men wait outside for morning to break & then they were going to attack Samson



Judges 16:3 We're not exactly sure how, but Samson became aware of this plan & at midnight Samson goes to the city gate (to remove it)



Removing a cities' doors (in the East) was a very big insult

It was a sign or a symbol of your defeat



Judges 16:4-5

It says that Samson "loved a woman" named Delilah



One commentator even surmises that Delilah might have been a temple prostitute



Samson becomes infatuated with Delilah & Delilah's love of money entices her to set a trap for Samson



Judges 16:6 Samson's lack of self-control & his poor discernment had left him going to places he shouldn't & putting himself in dangerous positions



Judges 16:7 Isn't it interesting that Samson avoids the first part of Delilah's question -"Where's your strength come from?"



Judges 16:8-9 Judges 16:10-11 Judges 16:12 Judges 16:13



A third time, Delilah feeling deceived, (how ironic) inquires how would someone bind such a strong man? Judges 16:14





1) What's our life reflecting? Can others clearly see the Source?



2) What leads us?What motivates us?(the Spirit or the self?)

Proverbs 14:12

