



Judges:

Coulda

Shoulda

But Didn't

Judges 15:1-20





SAMSON
& THE JAWBONE

Judges 15:1-2

After a little time, Samson returns – his anger subsided & bringing with him a young goat (Samson's desire was to eat a meal with this woman)



The father said, “No”
& explained that he was
under the impression that
Samson hated his daughter



In a way of distracting &
maybe appeasing, or at least
maybe defusing the situation,
this father offers his other
daughter to Samson



Judges 15:3-5

First time Samson attacked the Philistines, it was really unprovoked. God used it, but it was initiated by Samson



This time what's about to happen is a direct result from the Philistines giving his wife to another man



Judges 15:6

After this damage had been done, the Philistines asked who was responsible for this atrocity.

Answer = Samson



To enact two-fold revenge -
the Philistines go & kill
both the woman & her
father by fire



Cause Samson pain – by
killing his wife
(who Samson desired)
Purged the Philistines of
the reason Samson
acted this way



Judges 15:7-8

“Ruthlessly” = literally translated - He attacked them hip & thigh (basically an expression of a cruel slaughter)



Judges 15:9-10

Do you see the **NEVER**
ending back & forth of
retaliation?

This is why the Philistines
surround & invade Lehi



Judges 15:11

Judah takes 3,000 men for a
“conversation” with Samson



Judges 15:12

They had come up to the mountain to bring Samson back with them to hand him over to the Philistines



Judges 15:13

Many commentators believe that Samson submitted himself to this (where they differ is to the reason why)



Judges 15:14-16

Arriving in Lehi, Samson was greeted with shouts of anger & Samson (being filled with the Holy Spirit of God) hulks up and kills 1,000 Philistine men



Emphasis is two-fold:

On the heaps - piles of people
have been slain

On the jawbone - such a
humble instrument was used



Judges 15:17-18

Judges 15:19-20



This section ends with the phrase that normally comes at the end of a judge's life -
'so he judged Israel
20 years.'



SO WHAT?

