

33. Samson's Mother

A certain man of Zorah, named Manoah, from the clan of the Danites, had a wife who was sterile and remained childless. The angel of the LORD appeared to her and said, "You are sterile and childless, but you are going to conceive and have a son. Now see to it that you drink no wine or other fermented drink and that you do not eat anything unclean, because you will conceive and give birth to a son. No razor may be used on his head, because the boy is to be a Nazirite, set apart to God from birth, and he will begin the deliverance of Israel from the hands of the Philistines."

Then the woman went to her husband and told him, "A man of God came to me. He looked like an angel of God, very awesome. I didn't ask him where he came from, and he didn't tell me his name.

God heard Manoah, and the angel of God came again to the woman while she was out in the field; but her husband Manoah was not with her. The woman hurried to tell her husband, "He's here! The man who appeared to me the other day!"

Manoah got up and followed his wife. When he came to the man, he said, "Are you the one who talked to my wife?"

"I am," he said.

So Manoah asked him, "When your words are fulfilled, what is to be the rule for the boy's life and work?"

The angel of the LORD answered, "Your wife must do all that I have told her.

Then Manoah took a young goat, together with the grain offering, and sacrificed it on a rock to the LORD. And the LORD did an amazing thing while Manoah and his wife watched: As the flame blazed up from the altar toward heaven, the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame. Seeing this, Manoah and his wife fell with their faces to the ground.

The woman gave birth to a boy and named him Samson. He grew and the LORD blessed him ...(Judges 13:2-6, 9-13, 19-20, 24 NIV)



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ALTAR	FERMENTED	OFFERING
ANGEL	FIELD	RAZOR
APART	FULFILLED	RULE
AWESOME	GOAT	SAMSON
BEGIN	GRAIN	STERILE
BIRTH	GROUND	TALKED
CHILDLESS	HURRIED	UNCLEAN
CLAN	LIFE	WORK
DANITES	MANOAH	YOUNG
DELIVERANCE	NAZIRITE	ZORAH