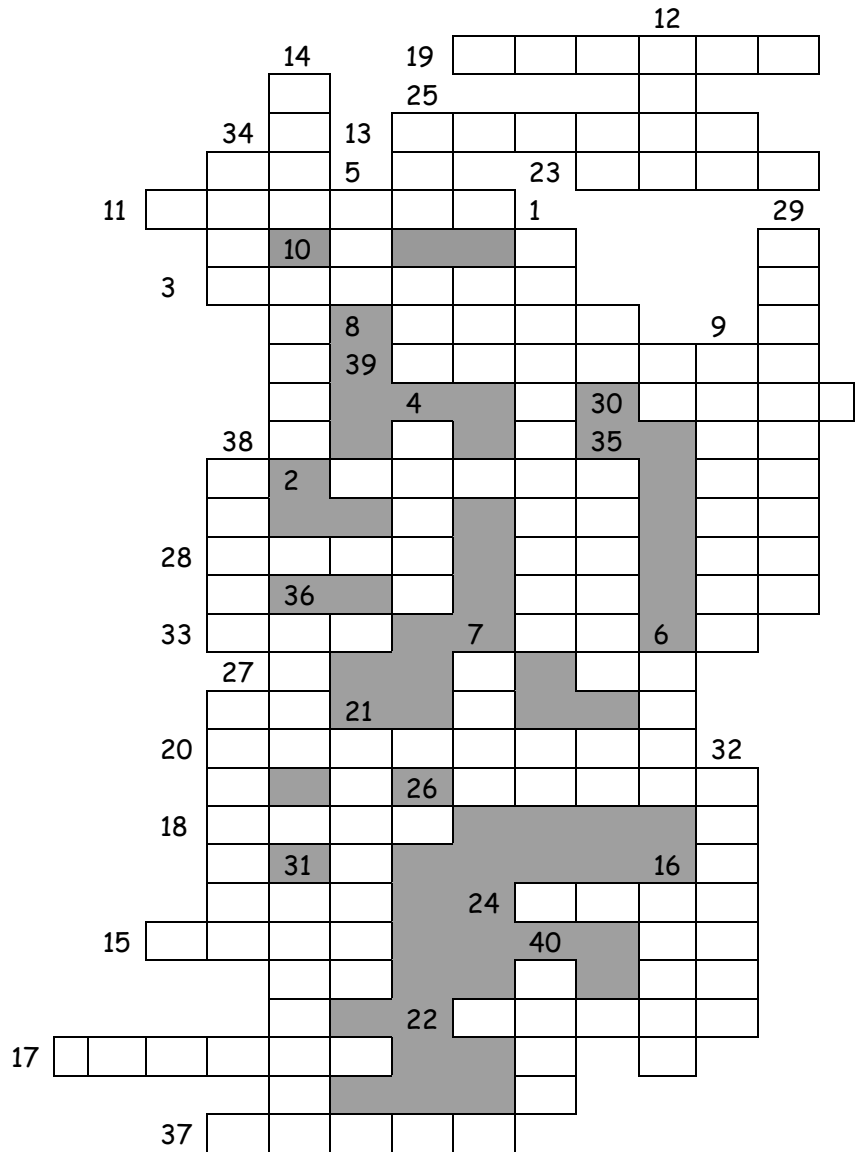


Judges 13-16 - Samson

1. Read through **Judges 13:1-16:31** to fill out this crossword puzzle.

1. Israelites' oppressors
2. years of oppression
3. Samson's father
4. Samson's home town
5. Samson's tribe
6. prohibited beverage
7. "ditto"
8. never to be cut
9. man dedicated to God
10. appeared to Manoah's wife
11. angel's name of _____
12. sacrificed by Manoah
13. Samson's girlfriend's hometown
14. strong animal torn apart
15. swarmed in animal's Carcass
16. sweet stuff eaten by Samson & parents
17. basis of wager at wedding
18. what men threatened to do to Samson's bride
19. what bride did to Samson
20. place where 30 men were killed
21. time of year when Samson claimed his wife
22. fired and loosed in grain fields
23. cave where Samson hid
24. town attacked by Philistines
25. Judeans came to ____ Samson up
26. broken like thread
27. Samson's weapon
28. site of Samson's last exploits and his death



29. had sex with Samson
30. part of city carried off
31. woman who trapped Samson
32. used to tie Samson 1st time
33. kind of ropes used 2nd time
34. where hair was weaved, 3rd time
35. what left Samson after haircut
36. poked out by captors
37. used to bind Samson
38. chef Philistine god
39. broken by Samson as he died
40. where Philistines were watching

2. List one example from the stories of Samson's adventures in **Judges 14:1-15:20** which shows that he was exceptionally strong.
3. List an example which shows he could be stubborn.
4. List an example which shows he could be mean.
5. Yet the author of these stories wants us to know that Yahweh was working through Samson to rescue his people. How can you tell that from these chapters?
6. According to the stories in **Judges 16:1-31**, what was the chief reason for Samson's downfall?
 - A. He was seduced by a non-Israelite woman.
 - B. He broke his Nazirite vow.
 - C. He thought he could get along without Yahweh.

In spite of Samson's failings Yahweh used him to defeat a heathen god. Thus Yahweh is free to accomplish what he sets out to do, even if his human agents are not perfect. However, that does not excuse his people from being faithful.

7. Does this truth have any meaning for your life? How are you like Samson?
8. The story of Samson's birth, **Judges 13:1-25**, introduces the meaning of his later adventures. How can you tell from this chapter that Yahweh had big plans for him?
9. How can you tell that God has big plans in mind for you?