

# JUDGES

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**Judges 16:4-6**

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One day Samson went to Gaza, where he saw a prostitute. He went in to spend the night with her.

**Judges 16:1**

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The people of Gaza were told, “Samson is here!” So they surrounded the place and lay in wait for him all night at the city gate. They made no move during the night, saying, “At dawn we’ll kill him.” But Samson lay there only until the middle of the night. Then he got up and took hold of the doors of the city gate, together with the two posts, and tore them loose, bar and all. He lifted them to his shoulders and carried them to the top of the hill that faces Hebron.

**Judges 16:2-3**

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**Judges 16:4-5**

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Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

**1 Peter 5:8 NIV**

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Be sober, be vigilant; because your  
adversary the devil walks about like a  
roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

**1 Peter 5:8 NKJV**

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but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed.

**James 1:14**

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Then she said to him, “How can you say, ‘I love you,’ when you won’t confide in me? This is the third time you have made a fool of me and haven’t told me the secret of your great strength.” With such nagging she prodded him day after day until he was sick to death of it.

**Judges 16:15-16**

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So he told her everything. “No razor has ever been used on my head,” he said, “because I have been a Nazirite dedicated to God from my mother’s womb. If my head were shaved, my strength would leave me, and I would become as weak as any other man.”

**Judges 16:17**

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After putting him to sleep on her lap, she called for someone to shave off the seven braids of his hair, and so began to subdue him. And his strength left him. Then she called, “Samson, the Philistines are upon you!” He awoke from his sleep and thought, “I’ll go out as before and shake myself free.” But he did not know that the Lord had left him.

**Judges 16:19-20**

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Then the Philistines seized him, gouged out his eyes and took him down to Gaza. Binding him with bronze shackles, they set him to grinding grain in the prison. But the hair on his head began to grow again after it had been shaved.

**Judges 16:21-22**

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# The Sin System

1. Blind
2. Bind
3. Grind

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Then Samson prayed to the Lord, “Sovereign Lord, remember me. Please, God, strengthen me just once more, and let me with one blow get revenge on the Philistines for my two eyes.” Then Samson reached toward the two central pillars on which the temple stood. Bracing himself against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other,

**Judges 16:28-29**

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Samson said, “Let me die with the Philistines!”  
Then he pushed with all his might, and down  
came the temple on the rulers and all the  
people in it. Thus he killed many more when he  
died than while he lived.

**Judges 16:30**

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