The Surprising Birth of a Savior Judges 13

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Here we begin to talk about Samson. But where is Samson?

Samson is a savior, but a bad savior - an incomplete savior.

Samson is not even an example that we must follow.

A Break in the Pattern (What is missing?)

Rebellion

Retribution

Repentance

Restoration

How is God's sovereign and free salvation highlighted here?

Why is Samson's mom not named?

What was a Nazirite vow? (Numbers 6:1-21)

What were the requirements of a Nazirite vow?

Are there New Testament examples of a Nazirite vow? (Acts 21:23f)

Angel of the Lord appeared to Manoah's wife.

You are barren, he seems to emphasize that.

But you shall give birth to a son who shall be a Nazirite from conception.

Manoah prays

God hears and answers prayer.

Who is this man?

What is your name?

It is too wonderful for you.

They offer him a meal, he says - make it a burnt offering.

Angel of the Lord

Good theology in isolation.

Notice the common sense spirituality of the wife.

Birth of a Savior

The Spirit of the Lord began to disturb Samson