

Rebellion, Ruin and Rescue  
**JUDGES**



The  
Samson Cycle  
(Judges 13-16)

<sup>4</sup> However, his father and mother did not know that it was of the LORD, for He was seeking an occasion against the Philistines. Now at that time the Philistines were ruling over Israel.

(Judges 14:4)

Samson (pt. 3): An Unavoidable Deliverer  
**Judges 15:1-20**

**Samson (pt. 3)**

1. The Folly of the Philistines

- in every episode the Philistines seem to have a victory only to have it overturned because of what Samson does
- the Lord makes fools of those who seek to ruin and crush His people

**Samson (pt. 3)**

2. The Complacency of Israel

- Israel had grown content with servitude to the Philistines and did not want deliverance
- Israel sided with her enemies against the Lord's deliverer

### Samson (pt. 3)

#### 3. The Awareness of Samson

- he acknowledged his absolute dependence on Yahweh for life and victory
- he recognized that he was the agent/servant of Yahweh's deliverance

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#### 4. The Provision of Yahweh

- He miraculously provided water from the rock to revive His servant
- "*Caller's Spring*" – symbolizes that no matter how bleak things seem, there is always hope for those who call on Yahweh

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#### Prefiguring Jesus...

- he is rejected as a deliverer and handed over to his enemies by His own people; it is through this rejection that he achieves deliverance for His people
- God delivers His people through the one champion whose victory accrues to all His people