

Judges Class 9 - Samson, part 2 (16:1-31)

Before Reading

- Fill in the chart for the six major judges, and plug in minor judges on the sides:

Enemy	Major Judge	Unique Detail

- Summarize the Samson story so far. (*What's he like? What kind of situations does he get himself in? How do they typically end? What is God doing in all of this?*)

Read Judges 16:1-3

- How does this story fit into the larger Samson story?

Read Judges 16:4-22

- What *one thing* would you say is Samson's tragic flaw?
- Why does he lose his strength? Does the text ever say that Samson's hair was the key to his strength? Had he ever broken elements of the Nazarite vow before?
- How might the Samson story be a microcosm of the story of Israel in Judges?

Read Judges 16:23-31

- What does Samson's failure lead to?
- What does Samson mean when he prays "that I may once be avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes"? (16:28)