

20. And she keeps trying to find out the source of Samson's strength.
- i. Five Philistine rulers had come to Delilah and said, "Now you find out the secret of Samson's strength and each of us will give you 1100 shekels of silver."
 - ii. She kept trying to find out, but she couldn't find out.
21. Finally she did find out and when she did, she had Samson fall asleep on her lap.
- i. Then she had his hair cut off because that was the secret of his strength.
 - ii. Now we know that physical hair didn't do it, but the Lord was giving him strength. And as long as the hair was there, that was the symbol of dedication to the Lord and the Lord was giving him strength.
 - iii. He was bound.
 - iv. Then she said, "Samson the Philistines are upon you."
22. When he got up to try to shake the ropes off, he couldn't do it.
23. The Philistines then seized him, put his eyes out and he was taken to Gaza.
- i. There he was made to grind grain.
 - ii. Then the Philistines wanted to celebrate this tremendous victory because they thought ~~that~~ ^{that} Dagon their god had delivered Samson to him and now they were free from him.
 - a. They all gathered together at the temple of Dagon.
 - b. There were 3000 people.
 - c. They brought Samson out to make sport of him.
 - d. Samson told his servant, "Show me where the pillars are so I can lean on them."
 - e. The servant showed him where the pillars of the temple were.
 - f. Then Samson said, "Lord give me strength one more time."
 - g. So he put one hand on one pillar and one hand on the other and pushed and the building collapsed killing all the people in the temple.
 - h. Samson killed more in his death than in his life and the Israelites were delivered from the Philistines.
24. Now that is the end of the judges as far as the book of Judges is concerned.
25. In the book of Judges, you have to keep in mind that not only are some of the judges contemporary and some of the oppressions contemporary, but the judges also don't judge all of Israel.