

Samson – Strong or weak?

Judges 13-14,16

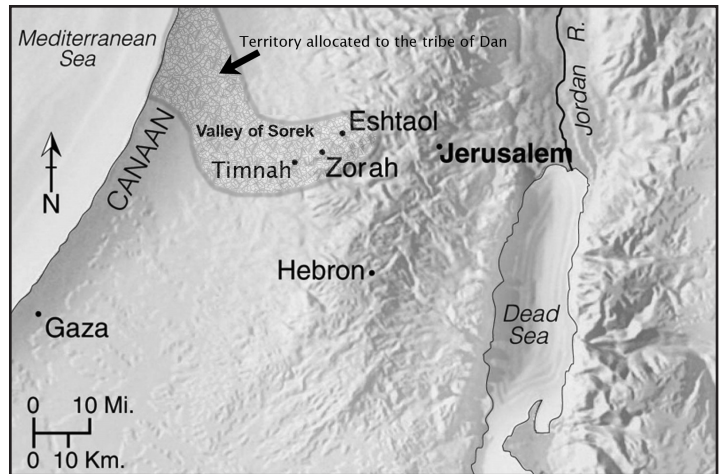
And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. Hebrews 11:6 ESV

About Nazarites

Look in Numbers 6:1-8 to see what Nazarites were allowed to do:

	Yes	No
Shave or cut their hair		
Drink alcohol		
Eat meat		
Touch a dead body		
Eat sultanas		

Nazarites were meant to be totally dedicated to God.



Discover some things Samson did

Do you think they were good or bad?

Judges	What did Samson do?	What do you think?
14:1-4		
14:5-6		
14:7-9		
14:18-20		
15:1-5		
15:14-20		
16:1-3		

Samson and Delilah

How did Delilah try to betray Samson?	What happened?

Where did Samson's strength come from, and how did he lose it?

Look at Judges 14:6, 14:19, 15:14, 15:18, 16:17, 16:20, 16:28

From last week: how did you get on with practising the things you needed to learn? Be honest about your answers!

Readings for the week:

S Judges 13
 M Judges 14
 T Judges 15
 W Judges 16:1-21
 Th Judges 16:22-31
 F Psalm 18:31-39
 S Hebrews 11:32-40

So what were his strengths and weaknesses?

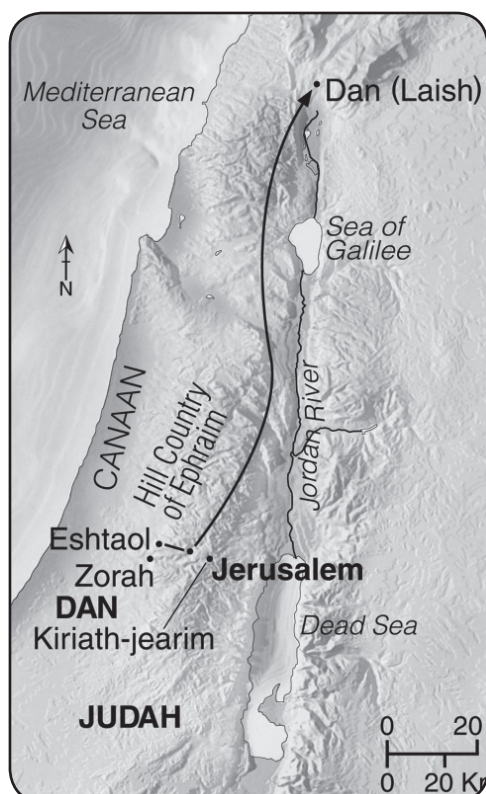
Strengths	Weaknesses



What does God think?

Look at Hebrews 11:32-34 to see how God regards Samson, and to find out what his greatest strength was.

Why do you think God seems to forget his weaknesses and the wrong things he did.



Digging Deeper

Dan - a mobile tribe

Samson had tried to save his tribe from the Philistines, but in the end the Danites gave up trying to fight them.

Look at Judges 18:1-13, 27-30 to see how they captured a city in the far north of Israel, and renamed it. The ruins of the city are still there.

