

Read Judges 15:1-8

1 Later on, during the wheat harvest, Samson took a young goat as a present to his wife. He said, "I'm going to visit my wife" but her father wouldn't let him in.

2 "I truly thought you must hate her," her father explained, "so I gave her in marriage to your best man. But look, her younger sister is even more beautiful than she is. Marry her instead."

3 Samson said, "This time I cannot be blamed for everything I am going to do to you Philistines."

4 Then he went out and caught 300 foxes. He tied their tails together in pairs, and he fastened a torch to each pair of tails.

5 Then he lit the torches and let the foxes run through the grain fields of the Philistines. He burned all their grain to the ground. He also destroyed their vineyards and olive groves.

6 "Who did this?" the Philistines demanded. "Samson," was the reply, "because his father-in-law from Timnah gave Samson's wife to be married to his best man." So the Philistines went and got the woman and her father and burned them to death.

7 "Because you did this," Samson promised, "I won't rest until I take my revenge on you!"

8 So he attacked the Philistines with great fury and killed many of them. Then he went to live in a cave in the rock of Etam.

A little while later, during the wheat harvest, what happened to Samson (v. 1)? He took a young goat to whom he thought was his future wife as a present.

What did her father do? He wouldn't let Samson in the house.

How did the father of Samson's future wife explain his actions (v. 2)? He didn't think Samson loved his daughter any more so he gave her to Samson's best friend.

What did he offer Samson? He could marry her younger sister who was even more beautiful.

How did Samson respond to this news (v. 3)? He was very angry!

So, what did he do to the Philistines (vv. 4-5)? He caught 300 foxes, tied their tails together in pairs, then tied their tails to a torch and lit the torches on fire. The foxes ran all over the place and caught all their grain fields, vineyards and olive trees on fire and burned them up

When the Philistines found out who had destroyed all their grain fields and vineyards and olive trees, what did they do (v. 6)? They went and got Samson's future wife-to-be and her father and burned them to death.

What did Samson promise the Philistines (v. 7)? He would get even with them for killing the woman who had been his future wife at one time.

What did Samson do next (v. 8) He killed many of the Philistines.

Where did Samson go to live? To live in a cave. Maybe hiding from the Philistines?