The Jawbone Killings

Read Judges 15:14-20

- **14** As Samson arrived at Lehi, the Philistines came shouting in victory. But the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon Samson, and he easily snapped the ropes on his arms and they fell from his wrists.
- 15 Then he found the jawbone of a recently killed donkey. He picked it up and killed 1,000 Philistines with it.
- **16** Then Samson said, "With the jawbone of a donkey, I've killed a thousand men!"
- 17 When he finished his boasting, he threw away the jawbone; and the place was named Jawbone Hill.
- **18** Samson was now very thirsty, and he cried out to the LORD, "You have accomplished this great victory by the strength of your servant. Must I now die of thirst and fall into the hands of these pagans?"
- **19** So God caused water to gush out of a hollow in the ground at Lehi, and Samson was revived as he drank. Then he named that place "The Spring of the One Who Cried Out," and it is still in Lehi to this day.
- **20** Samson judged Israel for twenty years during the period when the Philistines dominated the land.
- When Samson returned to where the Philistines were camped, what did the Philistines do (v. 14)? They came out celebrating their victory over Samson. He was all tied up with new ropes.
- **What did Samson do?** The Holy Spirit came upon him and he easily snapped the new ropes they had tied him up with.
- What did Samson do next (v. 15)? He picked up the jawbone of a dead donkey and killed 1000 Philistines with it.
- What did Samson say after he killed all those Philistines (v. 16)? He bragged about what he had done.
- **What happened after he was done bragging (v. 17)?** He threw away the jawbone and the place was named Jawbone Hill.
- What condition was Samson in after all that fighting (v. 18)? He was very thirsty.
- **What did Samson do next?** He complained to God that he didn't have any water.
- **How did God respond (v. 19)?** God provided water for him like a faucet out of the ground.
- What did Samson name that place? "The Spring of the One Who Cried Out," and it is still in Lehi to this day.
- What did Samson do after all this (v. 20)? He ruled over Israel for 20 more years but the enemy Philistines were still around,