

Read Judges 16:16-22

**16** Delilah annoyed Samson with her nagging day after day until he was sick to death of it.

**17** Finally, Samson shared his secret with her. "My hair has never been cut," he confessed, "for I was dedicated to God as a Nazirite from birth. If my head were shaved, my strength would leave me, and I would become as weak as anyone else."

**18** Delilah realized he had finally told her the truth, so she sent for the Philistine rulers. "Come back one more time," she said, "for he has finally told me his secret." So the Philistine rulers returned with the money in their hands.

**19** Delilah lulled Samson to sleep with his head in her lap, and then she called in a man to shave off the seven locks of his hair. In this way she began to bring him down, and his strength left him.

**20** Then she cried out, "Samson! The Philistines have come to capture you!" When he woke up, he thought, "I will do as before and shake myself free." But he didn't realize the LORD had left him.

**21** So the Philistines captured him and gouged out his eyes. They took him to Gaza, where he was bound with bronze chains and forced to grind grain in the prison.

**22** But before long, his hair began to grow back.

**What did Delilah continue to do (v. 16)?** She continued to nag Samson about his secret until he was sick of her nagging.

**How did Samson finally respond (v. 17)?** He gave in and told her his secret. (Read v. 17)

**How did Delilah follow up Samson's confession (v. 18)?** She alerted the Philistine rulers and told them she knew his secret.

**Did the Philistines rulers pay her as promised?** Yes.

**What did Delilah do next (v. 19)?** She lulled Samson to sleep with his head in her lap, and then she called in a man to shave off his seven locks of hair.

**What happened to Samson?** His strength left him because the Lord had left him.

**When she cried out as usual, what happened (v. 20)?** He didn't realize the LORD had left him and he was weak now.

**What did the Philistines do to Samson (v. 21)?** (Read v. 21)

**What began to happen to Samson (v. 22)?** His hair began to grow back.