



CHAPTER EIGHT ~ Surprise Blessing

Read Judges 13:1.

The Israelites were in a repeated _____ cycle:

- _____.
- _____.
- _____.
- _____.
- _____.

This punishment was not short-lived. It lasted _____ years.

The Israelites were being ruled by the _____. Their _____, _____, and _____ were far beyond any other civilization at the time.

- They were the first ones to work with _____ / make _____.
- They were the first ones to use _____ in war.
- Their _____, _____, and architecture was all advanced.

Read Judges 13:2-3.

Did you notice #1... _____

Did you notice #2... _____

NOTE: These appearances are generally referred to as "theophanies" and are known to bring revelations and prophecies to certain individuals.

But this is the first time we see God point to someone _____.

Did you notice #3... _____

- No _____ meant _____ in the family business .
- No _____ meant no one to _____.
- Women who couldn't _____ were often considered _____.
- Most marriage contracts allowed for _____ if the wife was _____.

Did you notice #4... _____

Notes on this:

Let's continue with our story. Read Judges 13:4-5.

NOTE: The word "Nazarite" means _____.
(Reference Numbers 6:2-8.)

To summarize the Nazarite vow:

1. Do not _____.
2. Do not _____.
3. Do not _____.

You have to wonder, why can't he _____?

Notes on this:

Did you notice the word _____ in verse 5?

Let's see what happens... Read Judges 13:6-7; then 13:8.

Notes on this:

Read Judges 13:9.

God heard Manoah, yet the angel came to the _____ again... not Manoah.

Read Judges 13:10-14.

And Manoah was full of questions. The first being, _____?

The response? _____.

Notes on this:

Read Judges 13:15-18.

Jewish hospitality customs required that all strangers who approached your house were to be offered the opportunity to _____, refresh themselves, and _____.

But the angel tried to explain... I'm not here to _____; instead, you should _____.

NOTE: The Hebrew word for _____ literally means _____ . It was the complete destruction, or sacrifice, of an animal (except for the hide).

The angel said, "Why do you ask my name, seeing it is _____?"
(v.18)

The Hebrew word for _____ used here is the word for _____ . This version of the word is used almost exclusively in describing God in the Old Testament. It literally means "of, from, or like _____".

Read Judges 13:19-23. A kid and grain offering signified two things:

1. The goat/blood sacrifice signified _____.
2. The grain signified _____ for God's provisions and goodwill.

And then after Manoah placed the sacrifices on the rock, he and his wife watched while "He performed _____."

Notes on this: (Reference Judges 6:21)

Verse 21 says that Manoah knew that this _____.

Notes on this:

Read Judges 13:24-25.

She had a son named _____, meaning _____.

Final Notes:

Psalm 51:1 says, "Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the greatness of Your compassion blot out all my offenses."

How will God use you? Have you heard His call?

The angel in your story could be waiting around the next corner..

Are you ready to say, "YES"?