





# Way Point Chronicles

Traveling through the Old Testament by Chronological Stories

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**Judges 16:5** *And the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and said unto her, Entice him, and see wherein his great strength lieth, and by what means we may prevail against him, that we may bind him to afflict him: and we will give thee every one of us eleven hundred pieces of silver.*

They wanted to know for the purpose of overpowering him and afflicting harm to him. They considered him public enemy number one because of all the damage he had done against them. The price of the betrayal was 1100 pieces of silver. This was a huge bribe and shows the importance they attached with the capture and punishment of Samson. They did not want to kill him but to be able to punish him and imprison him.

### III- Enticement 1:

The story unfolds with a series of enticements and betrayals. The first is in **Judges 16:6** *And Delilah said to Samson, Tell me, I pray thee, wherein thy great strength lieth, and wherewith thou mightest be bound to afflict thee.* She asks Samson what was the secret of His strength.

At first, it seems that Samson is testing Delilah by giving her false information. **Judges 16:7** *And Samson said unto her, If they bind me with seven green withs that were never dried, then shall I be weak, and be as another man.*

Now the first betrayal comes next. **Judges 16:8** *Then the lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven green withs which had not been dried, and she bound him with them.* Delilah bound him while he slept. He must have trusted her to allow this to happen. She calls to Samson that the Philistines are there.

**Judges 16:9** *Now there were men lying in wait, abiding with her in the chamber. And she said unto him, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he brake the withs, as a thread of tow is broken when it toucheth the fire. So his strength was not known.*

Samson awoke and defended himself.

### IV- Enticement 2:

There is an old saying that love is blind. Well Samson proves this along with it being dumb. Look at what happens next and I think you will agree. Delilah turns the tables upon him and accuses him of lying to her.

**Judges 16:10** *And Delilah said unto Samson, Behold, thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: now tell me, I pray thee, wherewith thou mightest be bound.* She again asks what is his strength. Samson tells her another misleading thing. **Judges 16:11** *And he said unto her, If they bind me fast with new ropes that*



Coordinates:  
**I Samuel 16:1-31**

### Sights to See:

- 1- Love can often be misguided and misplaced on the wrong one or thing.
- 2- We must be careful that we do not get comfortable in dangerous situations.
- 3- The enemies of God will do anything they can to destroy the godly.
- 4- Just like Delilah relentless pursuit of what caused Samson's strength sin keeps coming at us.
- 5- The only way to resist sin at times is to flee as Joseph did Potiphar's wife. Samson did not recognize the danger in order to flee. **2 Timothy 2:22 NASB** *Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.*
- 6- When we allow our flesh to rule our lives we are headed for trouble. **James 1:14-15 HCSB** *But each person is tempted when he is drawn away and enticed by his own evil desires. 15 Then after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and when sin is fully grown, it gives birth to death.*
- 7- Our sin allows the enemies of God to have a cause to boast and speak against God.
- 8- While breath remains repentance is available.



