

Would You Know?

A Pitiful Ending (Judges 16:22-31)



When we left Samson he had been shaved

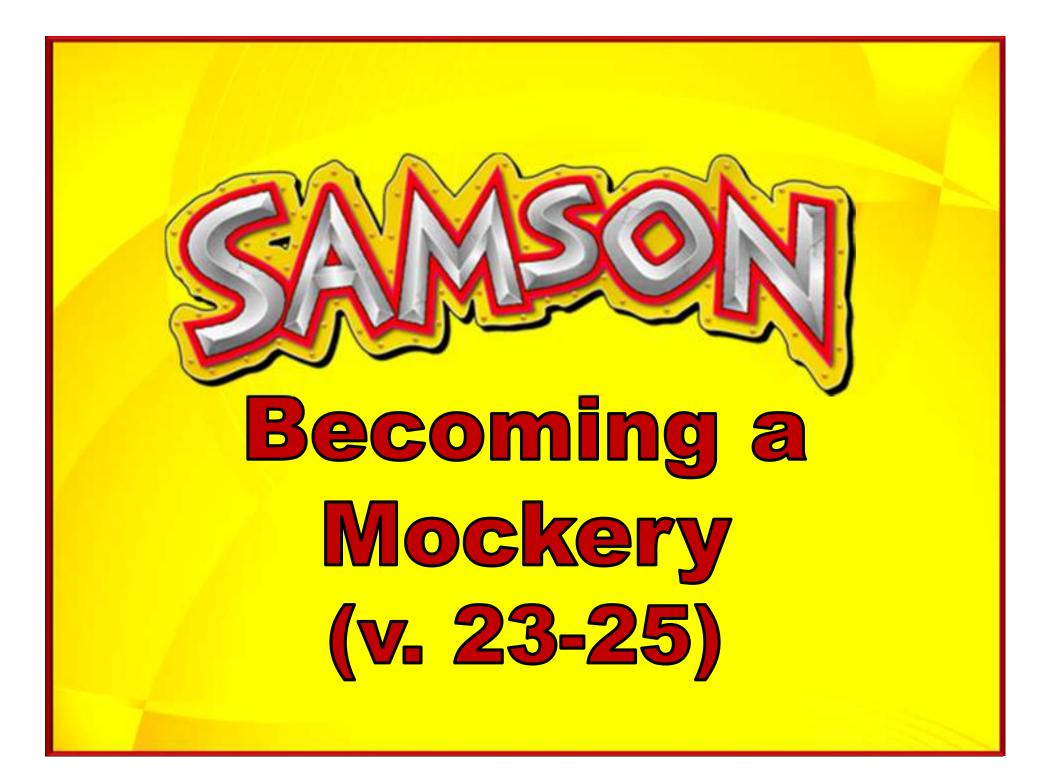
Blinded Imprisoned

And forced into slavery

But the hair on his head began to grow again after it had been shaved.

Not the Source Please remember the hair on Samson's head was not the source of his strength It was God God had set Samson apart for a mission He gave him the strength to accomplish that mission When Samson chose his own way and not God's way, God left

However, just as Samson's hair could regrow, his relationship with God could be restored



Becoming a Mockery

We don't exactly know how much time had passed They were celebrating a victory They were praising their god They brought out the mighty Samson their ultimate victory to "perform" They were not only mocking Samson they were mocking Jehovah





We want to paint his ending as he got it but really take a closer listen

He asked to be put next to the load baring columns -- he was planning

He prayed --- maybe that is a small glimmer of hope for this is the first time we have recorded Samson did anything spiritual

His Prayer "Sovereign Lord, remember me" Humility that's a good start "Please, God, strengthen me just once more," **Better he is acknowledging** God as his source "Let me with one blow get revenge on the Philistines for my two eyes." "Let me die with the Philistines!"

God Grants His Request

Then Samson reached toward the two central pillars on which the temple stood. Bracing himself against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other, Samson said, Then he pushed with all his might, and down came the temple on the rulers and all the people in it. Thus he killed many more when he died than while he lived.

What a Wastel

R.I.P.

Then his brothers and his father's whole family went down to get him. They brought him back and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of Manoah his father. He had led Israel twenty years.

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