16:1

u’ilik shshun OTH-e u-ira – shm ashe zune u-iba

and-he-is-going Samson Gaza-ward and-he-is-seeing there woman prostitute and-he-is-coming

16:2

l-OTHIM l-anr ba shshun ene u-lisbu
to-Gazithites to-say-of he-came Samson hither and-they-are-surrounding

16:3

u-liskb shshun od – chtzl e-lile u-lgm

and-he-is-lying-down Samson until middle-of-the-night and-he-is-getting-up

16:4

u-lol-m al - rash e-er ashr ol - pphi cbhrun : p

and-he-is-bringing-up-them to summit-of-the-mountain which on faces-of Hebron

16:5

u-lolu all-e srni phisthim u-lamr i-e

and-they-are-coming-up-to her chieftains-of Philistines and-they-are-saying-to her

16:6

u-thaur dilie al shshun egid-e na l-l b-me kch-k

and-she-is-saying Delilah to Samson tell-you ! please ! to-me in-what ? vigor-of-you

16:7

u-lamr all-e shshun am – lass:nil b-shboe ithrim lchim

and-he-is-saying to her Samson if they-are-binding-me in-seven gut-strings smooth-ones

16:8

u-lolu il-e srni phisthim shboe ithrim lchim

and-they-are-bringing-up to her chieftains-of Philistines seven gut-strings smooth-ones

Then went Samson to Gaza, and saw there an harlot, and went in unto her.

[And it was told] the Gazites, saying, Samson is come hither. And they compassed [him] in, and laid wait for him all night in the gate of the city, and were quiet all the night, saying, In the morning, when it is day, we shall kill him.

And Samson lay till midnight, and arose at midnight, and took the doors of the gate of the city, and the two posts, and went away with them, bar and all, and put [them] upon his shoulders, and carried them up to the top of an hill that [is] before Hebron.

And it came to pass afterward, that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name [was] Delilah.

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 one hundred [pieces] of silver.

And Delilah said to Samson, Tell me, I pray thee, wherein thy great strength [lieth], and wherewith thou mightest be bound to afflict thee.

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.
had not been dried, and she bound him with them.

7 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 withis, as a thread of tow is broken when it toucheth the fire. So his strength was not known.

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.

11 And he said unto her, If they bind me fast with new ropes that never were occupied, then shall I be weak, and be as another man.

12 Delilah therefore took new ropes, and bound him therewith, and said unto him, Samson, the Philistines [be] upon thee, Samson. And he brake them from off his arms like a thread.

13 And Delilah said unto Samson, Hitherto thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: tell me wherewith thou mightest be bound. And he said unto her, If thou keapest the seven locks of my head with the web.

14 And she fastened [it] with the pin, and said unto him, The Philistines [be] upon thee, Samson. And he awaked out of his sleep, and went away with the pin of the beam, and with the web.
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16:17 And when Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, Come up this once, for he hath shewed me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and brought money in their hand.

16:18 And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for a man, and she put out his eyes, and brought him down to the king of the Philistines, and she said, Make him fall, that he may die. And the lords of the Philistines said to her, Make him fall not.

16:19 Then she said to him, The Philistines hate me as you do; now therefore, swear to me that you will not fall on me by night, as you have fallen on the others.

16:20 And he said to her, Swear to me by God, that you will not tell me. And she said, Swear to me by God. And he swore to her by God. And she laid hold on him; for she had pressed him strongly. And she gave him a sleeping drug. And when he was sleeping soundly, she began to afflict him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to the king of the Philistines, and said, See, he hath shewed you all his heart. And he wist not that the LORD had departed from him.

16:21 And when the Philistines saw that he knew not that the LORD had departed from him, they bound him with seven locks of his head, and put bonds upon him, and set him in prison. And he knew not that the LORD had departed from him.
And it came to pass, when their hearts were merry, that they said, Call for Samson out of the prison house; and he made sport and they set him between the pillars.

Now the house was full of men and women; and all the lords of the Philistines were there; and there were upon the roof about three thousand men and women, that beheld while Samson made sport.

And Samson said unto the lad that held him by the hand, Suffer me that I may lean upon them. And the people said, Let the gods, which thou esteemest, interpose between thee and us.

And the lad that held him by the hand said, Let me die; O my father, let me die. And he appealed fervently to the LORD. And the LORD hearkened unto the voice of Samson, and arose out of his death, as he had said.

And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house stood, and on which it was borne up, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left.
And Samson said, Let me die with the Philistines. And he bowed himself with [all his] might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that [were] therein. So the dead which he slew at his death were more than [they] which he slew in his life.

Then his brethren and all the house of his father came down, and took him, and brought [him] up, and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the buryingplace of Manoah his father. And he judged Israel twenty years.