

**A. Receiving of the Revelation (2-5)**

**Zorah** – 8 miles west of Jerusalem. Mentioned 6 times in Judges (13:2, 25; 16:31; 18:2, 8, 11)

**1. Who First Received the Revelation (2)**

Wife / Not named

**2. Whom the Revelation was Received From (3)**

"angel of the Lord"

Occurs 23 times in the book of Judges.

All of these are in the accounts of Samson and Gideon.

\*Gen 16:11

\*Luke 1:26-38

**3. What was Received from the Revelation (2-5)**

-Her Condition (2-3)

"barren and had no children"

\*Gen 11:30; 29:31

\*1Sam 1:6

-Her Conception (3, 5)

"you shall conceive and bear a son"

-Her Conduct (4)

"be careful"

"drink no wine or strong drink"

"eat nothing unclean"

\*Lev 11

-Her Child (5)

"No razor shall come upon his head."

"Nazirite to God"

\*Num 6:1-21

(1) No fermented drink

(2) No cutting of hair

(3) Could not come near a corpse

"save Israel from the hand of the Philistines"

<sup>2</sup> There was a certain man of **Zorah**, of the tribe of the Danites, whose name was **Manoah**. And **his wife** was **barren and had no children**. <sup>3</sup> And the **angel of the LORD** appeared to the woman and said to her, "Behold, you are **barren and have not borne children**, but **you shall conceive and bear a son**. <sup>4</sup> Therefore **be careful** and **drink no wine or strong drink**, and **eat nothing unclean**, <sup>5</sup> for behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. **No razor shall come upon his head**, for the child shall be **a Nazirite to God from the womb**, and he shall begin to **save Israel from the hand of the Philistines**." <sup>6</sup> Then the woman came and **told her husband**, "A **man of God came to me**, and his appearance was like the appearance of the angel of God, **very awesome**. I did not ask him where he was from, and he did not tell me his name, <sup>7</sup> but he said to me, 'Behold, **you shall conceive and bear a son**. So then drink no wine or strong drink, and eat nothing unclean, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb to the day of his death.'" <sup>8</sup> Then **Manoah prayed to the LORD** and said, "O Lord, please let the man of God whom you sent **come again** to us and **teach us what we are to do** with the child who will be born." <sup>9</sup> And God listened to the voice of **Manoah**, and the **angel of God came again to the woman** as she sat in the field. But **Manoah her husband was not with her**. <sup>10</sup> So the woman ran quickly and **told her husband**, "Behold, the man who came to me the other day has appeared to me." <sup>11</sup> And **Manoah** arose and went after his wife and came to the man and said to him, "**Are you the man who spoke to this woman?**" And he said, "**I am**." <sup>12</sup> And **Manoah** said, "Now **when your words come true**, what is to be the child's manner of life, and **what is his mission?**" <sup>13</sup> And the angel of the LORD said to Manoah, "**Of all that I said to the woman let her be careful**. <sup>14</sup> **She may not eat of anything that comes from the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, or eat any unclean thing. All that I commanded her let her observe.**"

**B. Reporting of the Revelation (6-7)**

"told her husband"

**1. The Man (6)**

"A man of God came to me"

A title normally applied to prophets such as:

\*Moses (Deut 33:1)

\*Samuel (1Sam 9:6)

\*David (2Ch 8:14)

"very awesome"

אָרִי / yā·rē - awesome or fear producing

Pss 66:5; 76:12

**2. The Message (7)**

"you shall conceive and bear a son"

-She mentions her own restrictions and that the son should be a Nazirite.

-She does not mention the Philistines.

**C. Requesting of the Revelation (8-20)**

Manoah requested that God send his messenger again

-Why?

**1. The Emphasis of the Request (8, 12)**

"teach us what we are to do"

"what is his mission?"

**2. The Faith of the Request (12)**

"when your words come true"

**3. The Answer of the Request (9-20)**

-Coming of the Angel (9-11)

"again to the woman"

"told her husband"

-Communication from the Angel (12-14)

The angel repeated the message he had given to the woman but does not mention the Philistines.

**C. Requesting of the Revelation (8-20)  
(Continued)**

-Charity for the Angel (15-16)

"prepare a young goat"

\*Gen 18:1-8

\*Jud 6:17-19

"prepare a burnt offering"

"Manoah did not know that he was an angel of the Lord"

\*Who did Manoah think he was speaking to?

-Curiosity About the Angel (17-18)

"What is your name"

"wonderful" (KJV="secret")

\*פִּלִי pili

\*Isaiah 9:6

-Consecration Before the Angel (19-20)

"young goat with grain"

"offered it...to the Lord"

\*Why did they fall on their faces?

**E. Ratifying of the Revelation (24-25)**

When God speaks, we can count on it to be true!

**1. Birth of Samson (24)**

"bore a son and called his name Samson"

**2. Bestowment of Samson (23)**

The early years of Samson's life are covered quickly

\*Luke 1:80; 2:40, 52

-More than any other judge, Samson was moved by the Spirit of God (v.25; also 14:6, 19; 15:14)

<sup>15</sup> **Manoah** said to the angel of the LORD, "Please let us detain you and **prepare a young goat** for you."

<sup>16</sup> And the angel of the LORD said to **Manoah**, "If you detain me, I will not eat of your food. But if you **prepare a burnt offering**, then offer it to the LORD."

(For **Manoah did not know that he was the angel of the LORD.**) <sup>17</sup> And Manoah said to the angel of the

LORD, "**What is your name**, so that, **when your words come true**, we may honor you?" <sup>18</sup> And the angel of the

LORD said to him, "Why do you ask my name, seeing it is **wonderful**?" <sup>19</sup> So **Manoah** took the

**young goat with the grain offering**, and **offered it on the rock to the LORD**, to the one who works

wonders, and **Manoah** and **his wife** were watching.

<sup>20</sup> And when the flame went up toward heaven from the altar, the angel of the LORD went up in the flame of the altar. Now **Manoah** and **his wife** were watching, and they **fell on their faces to the ground.**

<sup>21</sup> The angel of the LORD appeared no more to Manoah and to his wife. Then **Manoah knew that he was the angel of the LORD.** <sup>22</sup> And Manoah said to his wife, "**We shall surely die**, for we have seen God." <sup>23</sup>

But his wife said to him, "**If the LORD had meant to kill us**, he would not have accepted a burnt offering and a grain offering at our hands, or shown us all

these things, or now announced to us such things as these." <sup>24</sup> And the woman **bore a son and called his name Samson.** And the **young man grew, and the LORD blessed him.** <sup>25</sup> And the **Spirit of the LORD** began

to stir him in Mahaneh-dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol.

**D. Reflecting on the Revelation (21-23)**

Manoah suddenly realized that he had indeed seen God in the Angel

**1. Confession of Fear (22)**

"We shall surely die"

\*Exodus 33:20

\*Jud 6:22-23

**2. Comforting of the Fearful (23)**

"If the Lord had meant to kill us..."

## Receiving of the Revelation

### Zorah

**Zorah**—place of wasps, a town in the low country of Judah, afterwards given to Dan (Josh. 19:41; Judg. 18:2), probably the same as Zoreah (Josh. 15:33). This was Samson’s birthplace (Judg. 13:2, 25), and near it he found a grave (16:31). It was situated on the crest of a hill overlooking the valley of Sorek, and was fortified by Rehoboam (2 Chr. 11:10). It has been identified with Sur’ah, in the Wady Surar, 8 miles west of Jerusalem. It is noticed on monuments in the fifteenth century B.C. as attacked by the Abiri or Hebrews.<sup>1</sup>

**ZORAH.** A town in the lowlands of Judah (Jos. 15:33), closely connected with the Samson stories. Its site is *Şar’a*, on the N side of the *Wadi al-Şarar*, the biblical valley of Sorek. The Tell el-Amarna letters refer to it as Zarkha. It was fortified by Rehoboam (2 Ch. 11:10) and reoccupied after the Babylonian Exile (Ne. 11:29). The references to Hebron and Beersheba in these two passages, however, may suggest that there was another similarly named city a considerable distance S of Samson’s territory.<sup>2</sup>

### Judges 13:2 (ESV)

<sup>2</sup> There was a certain man of Zorah, of the tribe of the Danites, whose name was Manoah. And his wife was barren and had no children.

### Judges 13:25 (ESV)

<sup>25</sup> And the Spirit of the LORD began to stir him in Mahaneh-dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol.

### Judges 16:31 (ESV)

<sup>31</sup> Then his brothers and all his family came down and took him and brought him up and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of Manoah his father. He had judged Israel twenty years.

### Judges 18:2 (ESV)

<sup>2</sup> So the people of Dan sent five able men from the whole number of their tribe, from Zorah and from Eshtaol, to spy out the land and to explore it. And they said to them, “Go and explore the land.” And they came to the hill country of Ephraim, to the house of Micah, and lodged there.

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<sup>1</sup> Easton, M. G. (1893). In *Easton’s Bible dictionary*. New York: Harper & Brothers.

<sup>2</sup> Payne, D. F. (1996). *Zorah*. In D. R. W. Wood, I. H. Marshall, A. R. Millard, J. I. Packer, & D. J. Wiseman (Eds.), *New Bible dictionary* (3rd ed., p. 1271). Leicester, England; Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.

**Judges 18:8 (ESV)**

<sup>8</sup> And when they came to their brothers at Zorah and Eshtaol, their brothers said to them, “What do you report?”

**Judges 18:11 (ESV)**

<sup>11</sup> So 600 men of the tribe of Dan, armed with weapons of war, set out from Zorah and Eshtaol,

“angel of the Lord”

**Genesis 16:11 (ESV)**

<sup>11</sup> And the angel of the LORD said to her,

“Behold, you are pregnant  
and shall bear a son.  
You shall call his name Ishmael,  
because the LORD has listened to your affliction.

**Luke 1:26–38 (ESV)**

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin’s name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” <sup>29</sup> But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

<sup>34</sup> And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

<sup>35</sup> And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God.” <sup>38</sup> And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

“barren and had no children”

**Genesis 11:30 (ESV)**

<sup>30</sup> Now Sarai was barren; she had no child.

### Genesis 29:31 (ESV)

<sup>31</sup> When the LORD saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb, but Rachel was barren.

### 1 Samuel 1:6 (ESV)

<sup>6</sup> And her rival used to provoke her grievously to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb.

## Nothing Unclean

### Leviticus 11:1–47 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying to them, <sup>2</sup> “Speak to the people of Israel, saying, These are the living things that you may eat among all the animals that are on the earth.

<sup>3</sup> Whatever parts the hoof and is cloven-footed and chews the cud, among the animals, you may eat. <sup>4</sup> Nevertheless, among those that chew the cud or part the hoof, you shall not eat these: The camel, because it chews the cud but does not part the hoof, is unclean to you. <sup>5</sup> And the rock badger, because it chews the cud but does not part the hoof, is unclean to you. <sup>6</sup> And the hare, because it chews the cud but does not part the hoof, is unclean to you. <sup>7</sup> And the pig, because it parts the hoof and is cloven-footed but does not chew the cud, is unclean to you. <sup>8</sup> You shall not eat any of their flesh, and you shall not touch their carcasses; they are unclean to you.

<sup>9</sup> “These you may eat, of all that are in the waters. Everything in the waters that has fins and scales, whether in the seas or in the rivers, you may eat. <sup>10</sup> But anything in the seas or the rivers that does not have fins and scales, of the swarming creatures in the waters and of the living creatures that are in the waters, is detestable to you. <sup>11</sup> You shall regard them as detestable; you shall not eat any of their flesh, and you shall detest their carcasses. <sup>12</sup> Everything in the waters that does not have fins and scales is detestable to you.

<sup>13</sup> “And these you shall detest among the birds; they shall not be eaten; they are detestable: the eagle, the bearded vulture, the black vulture, <sup>14</sup> the kite, the falcon of any kind, <sup>15</sup> every raven of any kind, <sup>16</sup> the ostrich, the nighthawk, the sea gull, the hawk of any kind, <sup>17</sup> the little owl, the cormorant, the short-eared owl, <sup>18</sup> the barn owl, the tawny owl, the carrion vulture, <sup>19</sup> the stork, the heron of any kind, the hoopoe, and the bat.

<sup>20</sup> “All winged insects that go on all fours are detestable to you. <sup>21</sup> Yet among the winged insects that go on all fours you may eat those that have jointed legs above their feet, with which to hop on the ground. <sup>22</sup> Of them you may eat: the locust of any kind, the bald locust of any kind, the cricket of any kind, and the grasshopper of any kind. <sup>23</sup> But all other winged insects that have four feet are detestable to you.

<sup>24</sup> “And by these you shall become unclean. Whoever touches their carcass shall be unclean until the evening, <sup>25</sup> and whoever carries any part of their carcass shall wash his clothes and be unclean until the evening. <sup>26</sup> Every animal that parts the hoof but is not cloven-footed or does not chew the cud is unclean to you. Everyone who touches them shall be unclean. <sup>27</sup> And all that walk on their paws, among the animals that go on all fours, are unclean to you. Whoever

touches their carcass shall be unclean until the evening,<sup>28</sup> and he who carries their carcass shall wash his clothes and be unclean until the evening; they are unclean to you.

<sup>29</sup> “And these are unclean to you among the swarming things that swarm on the ground: the mole rat, the mouse, the great lizard of any kind,<sup>30</sup> the gecko, the monitor lizard, the lizard, the sand lizard, and the chameleon.<sup>31</sup> These are unclean to you among all that swarm. Whoever touches them when they are dead shall be unclean until the evening.<sup>32</sup> And anything on which any of them falls when they are dead shall be unclean, whether it is an article of wood or a garment or a skin or a sack, any article that is used for any purpose. It must be put into water, and it shall be unclean until the evening; then it shall be clean.<sup>33</sup> And if any of them falls into any earthenware vessel, all that is in it shall be unclean, and you shall break it.<sup>34</sup> Any food in it that could be eaten, on which water comes, shall be unclean. And all drink that could be drunk from every such vessel shall be unclean.<sup>35</sup> And everything on which any part of their carcass falls shall be unclean. Whether oven or stove, it shall be broken in pieces. They are unclean and shall remain unclean for you.<sup>36</sup> Nevertheless, a spring or a cistern holding water shall be clean, but whoever touches a carcass in them shall be unclean.<sup>37</sup> And if any part of their carcass falls upon any seed grain that is to be sown, it is clean,<sup>38</sup> but if water is put on the seed and any part of their carcass falls on it, it is unclean to you.

<sup>39</sup> “And if any animal which you may eat dies, whoever touches its carcass shall be unclean until the evening,<sup>40</sup> and whoever eats of its carcass shall wash his clothes and be unclean until the evening. And whoever carries the carcass shall wash his clothes and be unclean until the evening.

<sup>41</sup> “Every swarming thing that swarms on the ground is detestable; it shall not be eaten.<sup>42</sup> Whatever goes on its belly, and whatever goes on all fours, or whatever has many feet, any swarming thing that swarms on the ground, you shall not eat, for they are detestable.<sup>43</sup> You shall not make yourselves detestable with any swarming thing that swarms, and you shall not defile yourselves with them, and become unclean through them.<sup>44</sup> For I am the LORD your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy. You shall not defile yourselves with any swarming thing that crawls on the ground.<sup>45</sup> For I am the LORD who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.”

<sup>46</sup> This is the law about beast and bird and every living creature that moves through the waters and every creature that swarms on the ground,<sup>47</sup> to make a distinction between the unclean and the clean and between the living creature that may be eaten and the living creature that may not be eaten.

## Nazirite

### Numbers 6:1–21 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,<sup>2</sup> “Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When either a man or a woman makes a special vow, the vow of a Nazirite, to separate himself to the LORD,<sup>3</sup> he shall separate himself from wine and strong drink. He shall drink no vinegar made from wine or strong drink and shall not drink any juice of grapes or eat grapes, fresh or dried.<sup>4</sup>

All the days of his separation he shall eat nothing that is produced by the grapevine, not even the seeds or the skins.

<sup>5</sup> “All the days of his vow of separation, no razor shall touch his head. Until the time is completed for which he separates himself to the LORD, he shall be holy. He shall let the locks of hair of his head grow long.

<sup>6</sup> “All the days that he separates himself to the LORD he shall not go near a dead body. <sup>7</sup> Not even for his father or for his mother, for brother or sister, if they die, shall he make himself unclean, because his separation to God is on his head. <sup>8</sup> All the days of his separation he is holy to the LORD.

<sup>9</sup> “And if any man dies very suddenly beside him and he defiles his consecrated head, then he shall shave his head on the day of his cleansing; on the seventh day he shall shave it. <sup>10</sup> On the eighth day he shall bring two turtledoves or two pigeons to the priest to the entrance of the tent of meeting, <sup>11</sup> and the priest shall offer one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering, and make atonement for him, because he sinned by reason of the dead body. And he shall consecrate his head that same day <sup>12</sup> and separate himself to the LORD for the days of his separation and bring a male lamb a year old for a guilt offering. But the previous period shall be void, because his separation was defiled.

<sup>13</sup> “And this is the law for the Nazirite, when the time of his separation has been completed: he shall be brought to the entrance of the tent of meeting, <sup>14</sup> and he shall bring his gift to the LORD, one male lamb a year old without blemish for a burnt offering, and one ewe lamb a year old without blemish as a sin offering, and one ram without blemish as a peace offering, <sup>15</sup> and a basket of unleavened bread, loaves of fine flour mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers smeared with oil, and their grain offering and their drink offerings. <sup>16</sup> And the priest shall bring them before the LORD and offer his sin offering and his burnt offering, <sup>17</sup> and he shall offer the ram as a sacrifice of peace offering to the LORD, with the basket of unleavened bread. The priest shall offer also its grain offering and its drink offering. <sup>18</sup> And the Nazirite shall shave his consecrated head at the entrance of the tent of meeting and shall take the hair from his consecrated head and put it on the fire that is under the sacrifice of the peace offering. <sup>19</sup> And the priest shall take the shoulder of the ram, when it is boiled, and one unleavened loaf out of the basket and one unleavened wafer, and shall put them on the hands of the Nazirite, after he has shaved the hair of his consecration, <sup>20</sup> and the priest shall wave them for a wave offering before the LORD. They are a holy portion for the priest, together with the breast that is waved and the thigh that is contributed. And after that the Nazirite may drink wine.

<sup>21</sup> “This is the law of the Nazirite. But if he vows an offering to the LORD above his Nazirite vow, as he can afford, in exact accordance with the vow that he takes, then he shall do in addition to the law of the Nazirite.”

## Reporting of the Revelation

### Man of God

#### Deuteronomy 33:1 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> This is the blessing with which Moses the man of God blessed the people of Israel before his death.

#### 1 Samuel 9:6 (ESV)

<sup>6</sup> But he said to him, “Behold, there is a man of God in this city, and he is a man who is held in honor; all that he says comes true. So now let us go there. Perhaps he can tell us the way we should go.”

#### 2 Chronicles 8:14 (ESV)

<sup>14</sup> According to the ruling of David his father, he appointed the divisions of the priests for their service, and the Levites for their offices of praise and ministry before the priests as the duty of each day required, and the gatekeepers in their divisions at each gate, for so David the man of God had commanded.

### Awesome

**3707** יָרָא (*yā·rē'*): v.; ≡ Str 3372; TWOT 907, 908—**1.** LN 25.251–25.269 (qal) **be afraid**, be frightened, i.e., be in a state of feeling great distress, and deep concern of pain or unfavorable circumstance (Ge 3:10); (nif) **be in fear** (Ps 46:3[EB 2]); (piel) **frighten**, intimidate (2Ch 32:18); **2.** LN 53.53–53.64 (qal) **revere**, venerate, i.e., show profound respect for one, that borders on fear of the object (Lev 19:32); (nif) **be awesome**, dreadful (Ps 47:3[EB 2]), note: for nif ptcp. as an a, see 5682.5; **3.** LN 87.19–87.57 (qal) **respect**, revere, i.e., show high status and honor to one in authority even bordering on fear, without necessarily worshiping as deity (Lev 19:3; Jer 10:7), note: for niv text in Ps 72:5, see 799<sup>3</sup>

**3372a.** יָרָא **yare** (431a); a prim. root; *to fear*:—afraid(100), awesome(21), awesome acts(1), awesome things(4), became afraid(1), became ... frightened(2), become frightened(1), cautious(1), dismayed(1), fear(165), fear and awesome(1), feared(36), fearful(1), fearful thing(1), fearfully(1), fearing(5), fears(9), frighten(4), frightened(1), have ... fear(1), made me afraid(1), revere(10), revered(3), reverence(3), showed reverence(1), stand in awe(1), terrible(3), terrible things(1), terrifying(2).<sup>4</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Swanson, J. (1997). [Dictionary of Biblical Languages with Semantic Domains : Hebrew \(Old Testament\)](#) (electronic ed.). Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

<sup>4</sup> Thomas, R. L. (1998). [New American Standard Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek dictionaries : updated edition](#). Anaheim: Foundation Publications, Inc.

### Psalm 66:5 (ESV)

<sup>5</sup> Come and see what God has done:  
he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

### Psalm 76:12 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup> who cuts off the spirit of princes,  
who is to be feared by the kings of the earth.

## Requesting of the Revelation

### Prepare a Young Goat

#### Genesis 18:1–8 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup> He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth <sup>3</sup> and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup> Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, <sup>5</sup> while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on— since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” <sup>6</sup> And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” <sup>7</sup> And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. <sup>8</sup> Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

#### Judges 6:17–19 (ESV)

<sup>17</sup> And he said to him, “If now I have found favor in your eyes, then show me a sign that it is you who speak with me. <sup>18</sup> Please do not depart from here until I come to you and bring out my present and set it before you.” And he said, “I will stay till you return.”

<sup>19</sup> So Gideon went into his house and prepared a young goat and unleavened cakes from an ephah of flour. The meat he put in a basket, and the broth he put in a pot, and brought them to him under the terebinth and presented them.

### Wonderful

#### Judges 13:18 (KJV 1900)

<sup>18</sup> And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Why askest thou thus after my name, seeing it is secret?

**7100** פִּלְאִי (*pil·i*): adj.; ≡ Str 6383; TWOT 1768b—LN 32.19–32.23 **wonderful**, fantastic, beyond understanding, i.e., pertaining to that which is impossible to understand, with a focus on it as a marvelous, positive mystery (Jdg 13:18 Q; Ps 139:6 K+)<sup>5</sup>

**6383.** פִּלְאִי **pili** or פִּלְיָא **pali** (811a); from the same as 6382; *wonderful, incomprehensible*:—wonderful(2).<sup>6</sup>

### Isaiah 9:6 (ESV)

<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
and his name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

## Reflecting on the Revelation

### Exodus 33:20 (ESV)

<sup>20</sup> But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live.”

### Judges 6:22–23 (ESV)

<sup>22</sup> Then Gideon perceived that he was the angel of the LORD. And Gideon said, “Alas, O Lord God! For now I have seen the angel of the LORD face to face.” <sup>23</sup> But the LORD said to him, “Peace be to you. Do not fear; you shall not die.”

## The Ratifying of the Revelation

### Early Years

### Luke 1:80 (ESV)

<sup>80</sup> And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

### Luke 2:40 (ESV)

<sup>40</sup> And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

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<sup>5</sup> Swanson, J. (1997). [Dictionary of Biblical Languages with Semantic Domains : Hebrew \(Old Testament\)](#) (electronic ed.). Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

<sup>6</sup> Thomas, R. L. (1998). [New American Standard Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek dictionaries : updated edition](#). Anaheim: Foundation Publications, Inc.

**Luke 2:52 (ESV)**

<sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

Moved by the Spirit of God

**Judges 13:25 (ESV)**

<sup>25</sup> And the Spirit of the LORD began to stir him in Mahaneh-dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol.

**Judges 14:6 (ESV)**

<sup>6</sup> Then the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon him, and although he had nothing in his hand, he tore the lion in pieces as one tears a young goat. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done.

**Judges 14:19 (ESV)**

<sup>19</sup> And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon him, and he went down to Ashkelon and struck down thirty men of the town and took their spoil and gave the garments to those who had told the riddle. In hot anger he went back to his father's house.

**Judges 15:14 (ESV)**

<sup>14</sup> When he came to Lehi, the Philistines came shouting to meet him. Then the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon him, and the ropes that were on his arms became as flax that has caught fire, and his bonds melted off his hands.