

¹⁸And **he was very thirsty**, and he **called upon the LORD** and said, **“You have granted this great salvation by the hand of your servant, and shall I now die of thirst and fall into the hands of the uncircumcised?”**

¹⁹And **God split open the hollow place** that is at **Lehi**, and **water came out from it**. And **when he drank, his spirit returned, and he revived**. Therefore the name of it was called **En-hakkore**; it is at **Lehi** to this day.

²⁰And **he judged Israel in the days of the Philistines twenty years**.

A. Person to Be Revived (18)	B. Prayer to Be Revived (18)	C. Plan for Being Revived (19)	D. Product of Being Revived (20)
<p>"he was very thirsty"</p> <p>-Samson had just slaughtered 1,000 Philistines (v.15)</p> <p>-Weather was hot and dry during the harvest season (v.1)</p> <p>-He was so dehydrated, he thought he might die:</p> <p>"shall I now die"</p> <p>-Compare to Elijah, who had won a triumph over the prophets of Baal only to feel near death shortly thereafter. *1 Kings 19:4-8</p>	<p>First mention of Samson praying in Judges</p> <p>1. Humility in the Prayer</p> <p>Samson switches from "I" to "you"</p> <p>15:16 - "with the jawbone of a donkey have I struck down a thousand men."</p> <p>15:18 - "you have granted this great salvation"</p> <p>What caused this change? (2 Co 12:7)</p> <p>2. Honor in the Prayer</p> <p>The Strength of God</p> <p>"you have granted this great salvation" (v.14)</p> <p>Compare to the model prayer in Mt 6:9-13</p> <p>The Servant of God</p> <p>"hand of your servant"</p> <p>The Scorn for God</p> <p>"fall into the hands of the uncircumcised"</p> <p>His capture would result in scorn for God (16:24 - Dagon)</p> <p>Compare this to Samson's attitude toward the Philistines in 14:1-3</p>	<p>1. Provision of the Water from God</p> <p>Clarification of the Provision</p> <p>KJV - "God clave an hollow place that was in the jaw"</p> <p>Lehi - Lit. "Jawbone"</p> <p>Circumstances of the Provision</p> <p>Hollow Place - Lit. "Mortar"</p> <p>En-hakkore - "Caller's Spring" - Samson had called on God for water</p> <p>God provided water as he had done for the Israelites in the wilderness (Exod 17:6)</p> <p>2. Partaking of the Water by Samson</p> <p>"when he drank, his spirit returned, and he revived"</p>	<p>1. Readiness for Service</p> <p>-This revival marked a spiritual change in Samson.</p> <p>-It readied him to be judge of Israel</p> <p>2. Rejected in Service</p> <p>-Samson had previously been rejected by the men of Judah (15:9-13)</p> <p>3. Results of Service</p> <p>"days of the Philistines"</p> <p>-The Philistines were in control before Samson was born and would continue to be in control after he died.</p> <p>-This is consistent with what had been prophesied by the angel in 13:5</p> <p>"he shall begin to save Israel from the hand of the Philistines"</p> <p>4. Record of Service</p> <p>Verse 20 is a dividing verse in the story of Samson. The Biblical record of Samson includes the events before the twenty years and several events at the end of the twenty years.</p>

Judges 15:9–17 (ESV)

⁹ Then the Philistines came up and encamped in Judah and made a raid on Lehi. ¹⁰ And the men of Judah said, “Why have you come up against us?” They said, “We have come up to bind Samson, to do to him as he did to us.” ¹¹ Then 3,000 men of Judah went down to the cleft of the rock of Etam, and said to Samson, “Do you not know that the Philistines are rulers over us? What then is this that you have done to us?” And he said to them, “As they did to me, so have I done to them.” ¹² And they said to him, “We have come down to bind you, that we may give you into the hands of the Philistines.” And Samson said to them, “Swear to me that you will not attack me yourselves.” ¹³ They said to him, “No; we will only bind you and give you into their hands. We will surely not kill you.” So they bound him with two new ropes and brought him up from the rock.

¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ And he found a fresh jawbone of a donkey, and put out his hand and took it, and with it he struck 1,000 men. ¹⁶ And Samson said,

“With the jawbone of a donkey,
 heaps upon heaps,
with the jawbone of a donkey
 have I struck down a thousand men.”

¹⁷ As soon as he had finished speaking, he threw away the jawbone out of his hand. And that place was called Ramath-lehi.

Person to Be Revived

1 Kings 19:4–8 (ESV)

⁴ But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, “It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers.” ⁵ And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, “Arise and eat.” ⁶ And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. ⁷ And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, “Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you.” ⁸ And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

Prayer to be Revived

2 Corinthians 12:7 (ESV)

⁷ So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited.

Matthew 6:9–13 (ESV)

⁹ Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

¹⁰ Your kingdom come,
your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread,

¹² and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Judges 16:24 (ESV)

²⁴ And when the people saw him, they praised their god. For they said, “Our god has given our enemy into our hand, the ravager of our country, who has killed many of us.”

Judges 14:1–3 (ESV)

¹ Samson went down to Timnah, and at Timnah he saw one of the daughters of the Philistines. ² Then he came up and told his father and mother, “I saw one of the daughters of the Philistines at Timnah. Now get her for me as my wife.” ³ But his father and mother said to him, “Is there not a woman among the daughters of your relatives, or among all our people, that you must go to take a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines?” But Samson said to his father, “Get her for me, for she is right in my eyes.”

Plan for Being Revived

4388. מַכְתֵּשׁ *maktesh* (509d); from 3806; *mortar*:—hollow(1), mortar(1).¹

4847 מַכְתֵּשׁ (*măk·tēš*): n.masc. [see also 4847.5]; ≡ Str 4388, 4389; TWOT 1061a—**1.** LN 1.51–1.59 **hollow place**, i.e., an area just under the ground, where a spring is located (Jdg 15:19+),

¹ Thomas, R. L. (1998). [New American Standard Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek dictionaries : updated edition](#). Anaheim: Foundation Publications, Inc.

note: though possible to translate “molar tooth in the jaw bone,” it makes no sense, and so the geographical location is preferred; **2.** LN 6.118–6.151 **mortar**, i.e., a grinding container device pressing against a pestle bowl, and so crushing the material in the container (Pr 27:22+) מִכְתֵּשׁ (*măk·tēš*): n.pr. [served by 4847]; ≡ Str 4388, 4389;—LN 93-place (loc.) (kjb, nkjb, asv)

Maktesh: district of Jerusalem (Zep 1:11+); (Tanakh) **Machtesh;** (niv) **the market district;** (nasb, rsv, nrsv, nab) **Mortar;** (njb) **the Hollow;** (neb, reb) Lower Town, note: “hollow, mortar, and lower” are all possible appellatives (names) based on the meaning in Hebrew, yet a definite location is required from the context, see 4847 מלא (*ml*): see 4848²

5875. עַיִן הַקּוֹרֵא **En Haqqore** (896c); from 5871a and 7121; “spring of the one calling,” location of a miraculous spring:—En-hakkore(1).³

Exodus 17:6 (ESV)

⁶ Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.

Product of Being Revived

Judges 13:5 (ESV)

⁵ 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.”

² Swanson, J. (1997). [Dictionary of Biblical Languages with Semantic Domains : Hebrew \(Old Testament\)](#) (electronic ed.). Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

³ Thomas, R. L. (1998). [New American Standard Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek dictionaries : updated edition.](#) Anaheim: Foundation Publications, Inc.