

## **EPISODE NO. 112**

### **Judg. 16:16-22**

#### **Samson Was Betrayed and Captured**

16 Delilah kept on nagging Samson about his secret, day after day. He became so tired of it that he felt he was going to die!

17 So, Samson told her everything. He said to her, “I have never had my hair cut. Since I was born, I have been set apart for God as a Nazirite. If someone shaved my head, then I would lose my strength. And, I would become as weak as any other man.”

18 Delilah could see that Samson had told her everything sincerely. So, she sent a message to the lords of the Philistines. She said, “Come back one more time, because Samson has told me everything!” So, the lords of the Philistines came back to Delilah. And, they brought the money in their hands. 19 Delilah caused Samson to go to sleep; he was lying in her lap. Then she called in a Philistine man to shave off the seven braids of Samson’s head. In this way, she made him weak. So, Samson’s strength left him. 20 Then she called out to him, “Samson, the Philistines are about to capture you!”

He woke up and thought: “I’ll break loose as I did before and shake myself free.” But Samson did NOT know that Yahweh had left him.

21 Then the Philistines captured Samson. They gouged out his eyes. Then they brought him down to Gaza. They bound him with bronze chains. They put him in prison and they made him grind grain like an ox. 22 Though Samson’s hair had been shaved off, it began to grow again.