

The Birth of Samson

Judges 13:3-25

Script for a Play

Angel of the Lord: ...You shall...bear a son. ...Be careful not to drink wine...[or] to eat any unclean thing. And no razor shall come upon his head.

The woman comes and tells her husband.

The woman: A Man of God came to me.... ...He said to me, ‘...You shall bear a son.’

Manoah (praying): Oh my Lord, please let the Man of God...come to us again and teach us what we shall do for the child....

*The Angel appears to the woman again while she is sitting in a field.
The woman runs to tell her husband.*

The woman: Look, the Man has just...appeared to me....

Manoah follows his wife.

Manoah (to the Angel): Are you the Man who spoke to this woman?

Angel of the Lord: I am.

Manoah: What will be the boy’s rule of life, and his work?

Angel of the Lord: All that I commanded [the woman] let her observe.

Manoah: Please [stay], and we will prepare a young goat....

Angel of the Lord: I will not eat your food. But [you may] offer a burnt offering...to the Lord.

*Manoah offers the young goat with the grain offering.
The Angel of the Lord ascends in the flame.
Manoah and his wife fall on their faces.*

Manoah: We shall...die, because we have seen God!

Manoah's wife: If the Lord [wanted] to kill us, He would not have accepted a burnt offering...nor would He have shown us all these things....

Samson is born, he grows, and the Spirit of the Lord begins to move upon him.