

Samson's *FOXY* RAID

in Judges 15:4-5 *was* / *is*...

“And Samson said to them, ‘This time I shall be blameless regarding the Philistines if I harm them!’ Then Samson went and caught **three hundred foxes** *[and / or jackals]*; and he took torches, turned **the foxes** *[jackals]* tail to tail, and put a torch between each pair of tails. When he had set the torches on fire, he let **the foxes** *[jackals]* go into the standing grain of the Philistines, and burned up both the shocks and the standing grain, as well as the vineyards and olive groves.” *(Judges 15:3-5)*

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abusive but

not necessarily fatal

(fill in the blank)

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against

Israel's oppressors (14:4)

(fill in the blank)

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aimed at

Philistine agriculture

(fill in the blank)

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an example

of force multiplication

(fill in the blank)

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boldly starting

Samson's one-man war

(fill in the blank)

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chaotic

but highly effective

(fill in the blank)

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demonstrating that

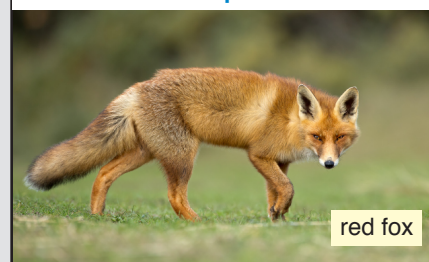
numbers can be important

(fill in the blank)

golden jackal



an ancient example of “drone” use



red fox

golden jackal



Descriptive

Meditation

like one man making and sending
out 150 fast, fire-breathing drones

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near the beginning

of Samson's great work

(fill in the blank)

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showing that

teamwork isn't everything

(fill in the blank)

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not just

personal revenge (14:4, 15:3)

(fill in the blank)

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opposed by

fearful Israelites (15:11-12)

(fill in the blank)

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significantly

different from

Gideon's 300 man attack

* * *

the most unusual

animal use in the Bible

(fill in the blank)

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thinking

like a fox, outside the box

(fill in the blank)

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time consuming

to prepare alone (15:4)

(fill in the blank)

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unusual because

Samson was alone (15:11-12)

(fill in the blank)

Directions: after reading through **Judges chapter 15** and some articles on jackals and foxes in Israel, consider and discuss how Samson's foxy raid using jackals or foxes against the Philistines is described above. — *Do you agree with the points made? How would you change some of them or add to them? At the end, discuss the most important descriptive phrases and make personal applications.* In this, think about why Samson did as he did. When you lack human help, are you willing to put in the extra time required to finish the work mostly by yourself? What do you use as *your* force multiplier in such situations? — © 2022 by Jon F. Mahar, Hakusan City, Japan and Alexander, Maine, U.S.A.