

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)*

abusive but

not necessarily fatal

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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against

Israel's oppressors (14:4)

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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aimed at

Philistine agriculture

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

an example

of force multiplication

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

boldly starting

Samson's one-man war

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

chaotic

but highly effective

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

demonstrating that

numbers can be important

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

golden jackal



an ancient example of "drone" use

golden jackal



Descriptive

Meditation

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near the beginning

of Samson's great work

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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not just

personal revenge (14:4, 15:3)

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

opposed by

fearful Israelites (15:11-12)

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

red fox



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

showing that

teamwork isn't everything

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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significantly
different from

Gideon's 300 man attack

the most unusual

animal use in the Bible

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

thinking

like a fox, outside the box

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

time consuming

to prepare alone (15:4)

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

unusual because

Samson was alone (15:11-12)

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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.