

**Best  
Supporting  
Actor Award**



A man with long, dark hair covering his face, standing in front of an ornate, classical-style doorway. The man is shirtless and his hair is long and straight, falling over his eyes and forehead. The background features a doorway with intricate carvings and columns.

# SAMSON

## Judges 13-16

He was No Samuel  
or John the Baptist



# His Family and Purpose

(Chapter 13)

The players

Their Vow

- No alcohol (under control)
- Nothing unclean (purity)
- No haircuts (recognizable)
- There is a purification process if the vow is broken

The Lord began to stir his heart for the plight  
of the Israelites (v.25)



# The Spoiled Heart (14:1-18)




Nothing was denied (v.1-4)

The vow broken (v.8-9)

The vow broken again (v.9)





# Violence ensues

(14:19-15:20)

Extreme reaction to losing (4:19)

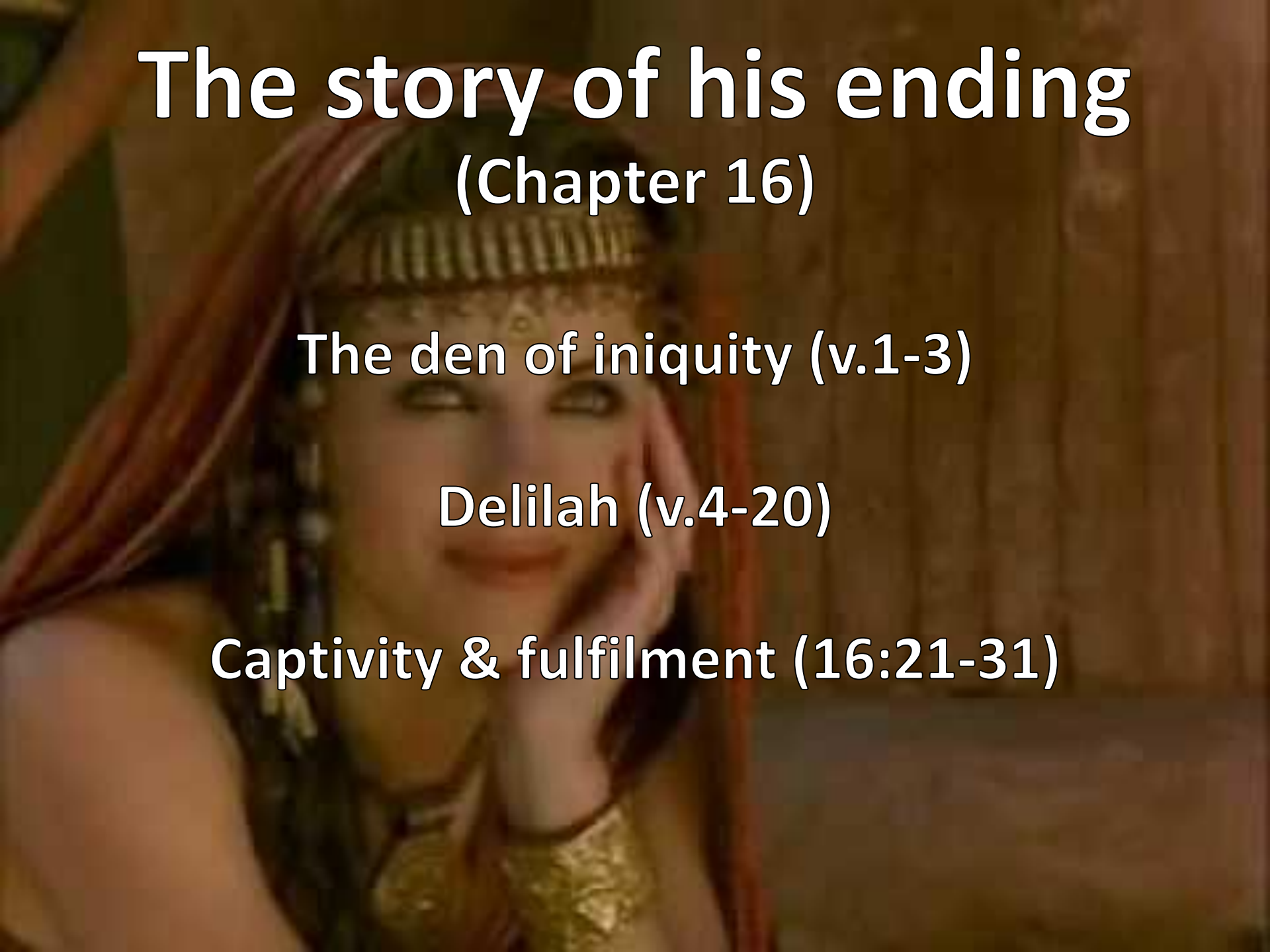
After pouting, returned for his wife (15:1)

Cat & mouse (15:3-15)

Vow broken & glory deferred (15:16-17)

The first time we see him speak with God (15:18)

Purpose fulfilled (15:20)



# The story of his ending (Chapter 16)

The den of iniquity (v.1-3)

Delilah (v.4-20)

Captivity & fulfilment (16:21-31)

# **What about you?**

**Do you cherish your vows?**

**Are you hoping for more your middle  
than your end?**