

# AH, YES OUR MAN WILL BRING DOWN THE HOUSE

Satire by Jamie Buckingham  
Cartoons by Wayne Stayskal



Dear Brother Samson:

I saw you last night on the Hallelujah Club TV Show. What a testimony! Would you come to our little church here in Gaza and preach? Be sure and bring those big things you use for your weight-lifting demonstration.

*J. Godly Fervor*

*Dear Reverend Fervor:*

*Our client, Brother Samson, is willing to accept your invitation to visit your church. I am enclosing our standard 10-page contract. After you read it, please initial each page, sign the last page, and return it to us with your 1,000-shekel deposit. We will then forward all necessary publicity material.*

**M. Dagon, agent**

*The Happy Booker Agency  
Offices in Timna, Sorek  
and Ashkelon*

Dear Mr. Dagon:

I didn't realize Brother Samson used an agent. I thought he just went where the Lord told him to go. Neither do I understand the clause on "concession rights," or the bit about our responsibility to sell Foxtail Keychains and Jawbone Nightlights. I also notice we are responsible to place a chariot at his disposal, have fresh honey in his room each day, and arrange a lion hunting safari in the Negev. That seems a bit much for a small church like ours. After all, we just want him for one night.

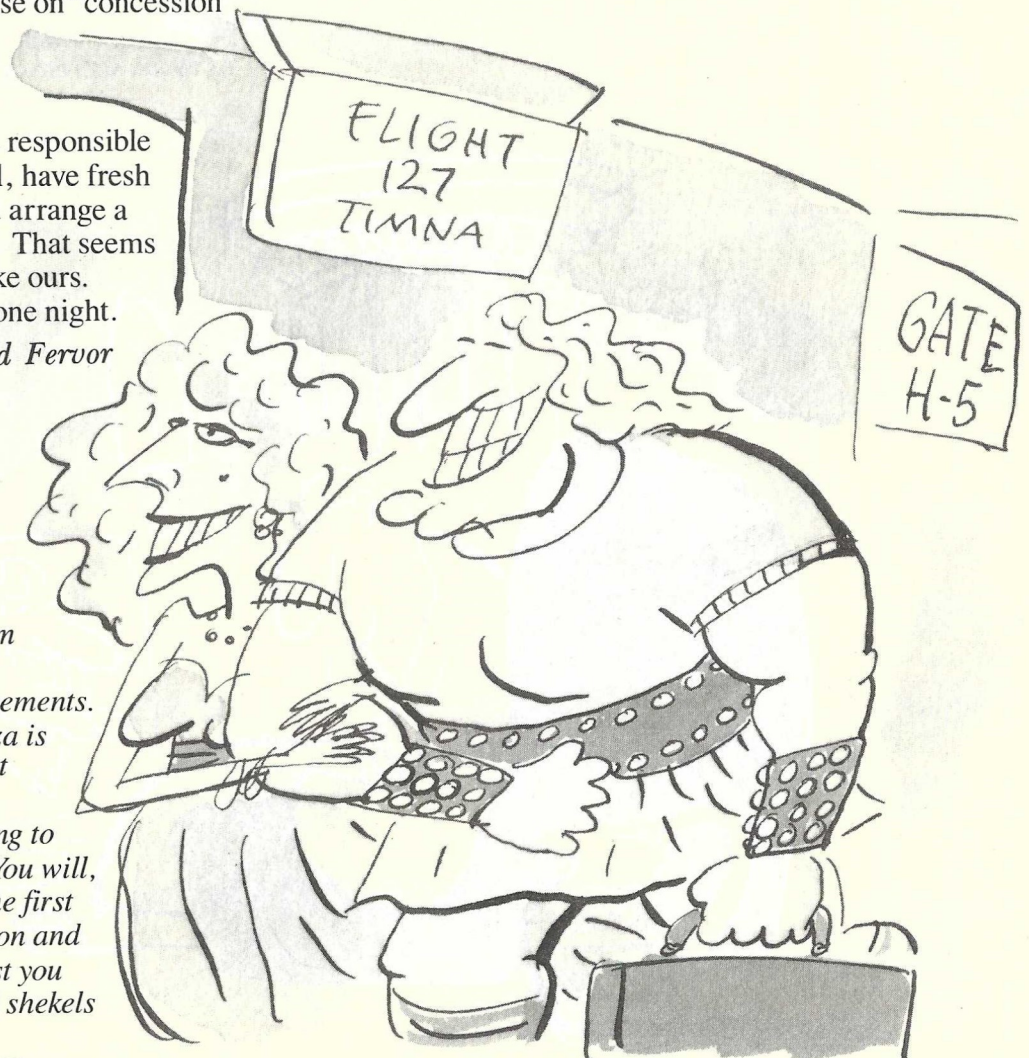
*Reverend Fervor*

*Dear Reverend Fervor:*

*Not only do we represent Brother Samson, but we have a long list of satisfied clients and customers. You are the first, from Dan to Beersheba, who has questioned our contract arrangements.*

*However, we realize that Gaza is out of the mainstream of upbeat religion. We have spoken to Brother Samson and he is willing to delete the lion hunt provision. You will, of course, be responsible for the first class air fare for Brother Samson and his traveling secretary. We trust you will not think our fee of 10,000 shekels plus expenses is too high.*

**M. Dagon**



Dear Mr. Dagon:

All we wanted was to have Brother Samson in for an evening to lift his weights and give a testimony for our young people. All this stuff about contracts and guarantees is Hittite to me. And what's wrong with just taking up a love offering?

*Reverend Fervor*

*Dear Reverend Fervor:*

*The Happy Booker Agency stands ready to serve you. We have many years experience in conducting crusades. We assure you our methods are time-tested and pastors all over the crescent testify of increased attendance and offerings.*

*We suggest you rent the city auditorium in downtown Gaza for Brother Samson's meeting. There is every reason to believe the Philistines will turn out in huge numbers to see him.*

*M. Dagon*

Dear Mr. Dagon:

Our elders are excited about your plans and have instructed me to sign the contract and return it—even though I still have some nagging questions personally.

One of them has to do with some nasty rumors. We have heard Brother Samson's "traveling secretary" is a beautiful Philistine woman. We've also heard a disturbing local rumor that Brother Samson was involved with a "woman of the night" near our town. Is there any truth in this?

*Reverend Fervor*

*Dear Reverend Fervor:*

*As a reputable booking agency we have an obligation to our customers as well as to our clients. Our sources assure us Brother Samson is a man of unquestioned morality. In fact, the very night he was rumored to have been with that woman, he picked up the city gates and took them to the top of the hill. Surely no man could have done what the rumormongers said and still have that kind of strength.*

*As to his secretary, Brother Samson assures us*



*this is a business relationship only. Although Sister Delilah does not type or take shorthand, she takes care of Brother Samson's personal grooming and provides him with inspiration before he goes out to battle.*

*I remind you it is time for the balance of your deposit with our agency.*

M. Dagon

Dear Mr. Dagon:

As you requested, we have rented the city auditorium from the Philistines. They required a 10,000-shekel breakage. Brother Samson's weights might damage the structure. However, I personally checked the big columns holding up the roof and am sure everything is okay.

There has been a lot of skepticism among the local "fundys" as to whether God uses men like Brother Samson. (His remarks in the newspaper about "plowing with his heifer" really stirred up the Pentecostals, too.) However, we saw his wedding last night to Sister Delilah on the Hallelujah Club TV Show and feel that will put an end to those nasty rumors.

*Reverend Fervor*

Dear Reverend Fervor:

*We're so happy you have changed your mind about our booking agency and the methods we've suggested. We guarantee your meeting with Brother Samson will be a smashing success.*

*When he arrives take him directly to the auditorium and let him stand next to those pillars you mentioned. He really ought to bring the house down with his performance. You'll recognize him at the airport by his dark glasses.*

*By the way, Sister Delilah will not be traveling with him. She cut her hand with the hair clippers and must stay home.*

M. Dagon

*P.S. In the future, if things don't tumble in on you, you may want to consider other commodities we offer. We will be glad to book Molech into your church. He has a special ministry at children's banquets. We also have the exclusive booking rights on Gog, a new man from the north. With us handling your special speakers you'll always have a crowd. Just call us. We at the Happy Booker Agency are dedicated to meet your every need. >*

