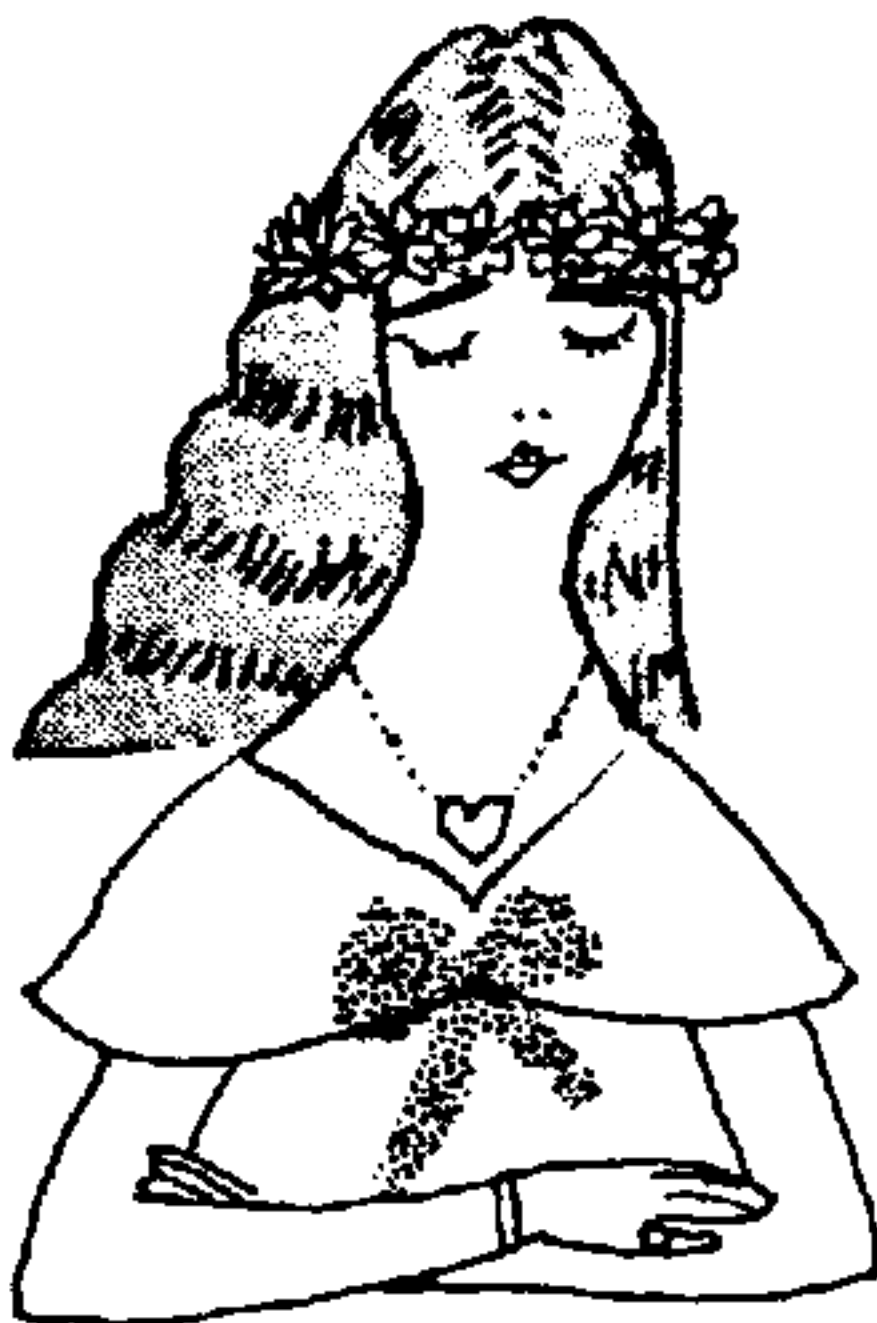


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JUDITH OF BETHULIA

(U.S./1913) silent \$20.00

66 minutes at silent speed of 16 fps (44 minutes at sound speed).

Directed by D. W. Griffith - Based on the Apocryphal story and the play by Thomas Baily Aldrich - Cinematography by G. W. "Billy" Bitzer - Produced by Biograph. Players: *Mae Marsh, Blanche Sweet, Henry B. Walthall, Robert Harron.*

Although Biograph claimed that an audience's attention could not be sustained for "four reels," Griffith secretly made this film (in Chatsworth, California) and proved them wrong. It is a Biblical spectacle along the lines of *Intolerance*, using intercutting of four different episodes to tell the story of a pious Jew who kills the general in command of the besieged Bethulia.

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