

## I Samuel 2

**Chapter 4:** Philistines attack. Israelites lose battle with large losses. Don't know why they lost. Call for the Ark from Shiloh. Felt that then God would be their help. Knew that he was present with the Ark-between the cherubim.

Eli's sons came with the Ark to the Israelite camp. This was the problem. They had disgraced the Sanctuary. Wanted the outward sign of God without inner conversion and surrender.

Ark came into the camp- great shout. The earth trembles. The Philistines are very afraid. They knew how God had sent plagues on the Egyptians and guided the people through the Wilderness.

Philistines win a great battle- 30,000 Israelites soldiers killed. The Ark is captured and Hophnis and Phineas are killed. God had abandoned them.

Messenger ran back to Shiloh with torn robe and dirt on his head (sign of greatest mourning.) Great cry of sadness.

Eli is waiting. Worried about the Ark. Falls and breaks his neck. Daughter-in-law dies after giving birth.

Says that the Glory has departed from Israel TWICE. Ichabod.

**Chapter 5:** Philistines carry Ark to their capital Ashdod. Put it in the temple of Dagon. Idol falls on its face in front of the Ark. Set it back up. Next day image is broken. Only the torso left intact. Men in they city afflicted with tumors. Went to 2 other cities and there was death and tumors.

**Chapter 6:** Philistines want to send the Ark back to Israel. Consult their priests. Sent it back with a trespass offering- 5 golden tumors and 5 golden rats. Then the God of Israel will leave them and their gods alone. Give glory to the God of Israel. Don't harden hearts like the Egyptians did.

Make a new cart with 2 cows. See what road they take. If they head for Israelite area- Beth Shamesh- they will know it was God. If not, then the things that happened were by chance. Beth Shamesh was a Levite city.

People saw the Ark coming. Offered the cows as a sacrifice. Levites took the Ark down. Philistines watched it happen. Rejoicing.

People punished for looking into the Ark. God's Law concerning the Holy could not be violated.

**Chapter 7:** Ark taken to Kirjath-jearim. Unclear why not back to Shiloh. There for 20 years in the house of Abinadab. His son cared for it. Levite- or they would have violated the Law again. Israelites repented. Samuel tells the people to get rid of the foreign idols and turn back to God and they would be delivered from the Philistines. They probably were influenced by the foreign idols. They apparently had idols with them.

Samuel was now prophet, judge and leader.

Gathers all Israel at Mizpah to pray over them. Fasted and prayed. Turned their hearts back to God. Poured out water. Samuel was the mediator.

Philistines attacked. Israelites were afraid and ask Samuel to keep praying for the nation. Offered a lamb as a burnt offering. Samuel cries out and is heard.

LORD thunders and the Philistines are confused the pushed back. Israel regained all their territory and Philistines never invaded again during the time of Samuel.

Samuel was a judge for rest of his life.