

RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK (1 Samuel 5 & 6)

I. THE BIRTH OF SAMUEL (1:1-2:11)

II. THE CHILDHOOD OF SAMUEL (2:12-3:21)

III. THE JUDGESHIP OF SAMUEL (4:1-7:17)

A. The CAPTURE of the Ark of the Covenant

B. The CURSE of the Ark of the Covenant (chapter 5)

1. Though the Philistines had royally _____ the Israelites on the battlefield, and the Ark of the Covenant had been _____; the LORD God of Israel had not been _____ nor _____.

2. *The ark of the LORD at Ashdod* resulted in God's cursing...

a. the Philistine false god _____, with it being humiliated before the Lord. (5:1-5)

b. the people of Ashdod by cursing them with _____. (5:6)

* What does this teach you?

3. *The ark of the LORD at Gath* resulted in God cursing the people of the city...

a. with _____. (5:8-9)

b. with _____ (5:9)

*What can you learn from this?

4. *The ark of the LORD at Ekron* resulted in God cursing the people of the city...

a. with great _____. (5:10b)

b. with a city wide destruction of _____. (5:12)

c. with _____. (5:12)

C. The COMING HOME of the Ark of the Covenant (chapter 6)

* How long had the ark been away in Philistine territory?

1. The Philistines devised a plan in _____ the ark back to Israel. (6:2-3)

* What two reasons are given for doing this?

2. The religious leaders plan included a _____ offering seeking to _____ the God of Israel so as to lift the _____ from their own people. (6:4-5)

3. The religious leaders expressed detailed _____ of Israel's history. (6:6)

4. The means of transportation of the ark of the Lord was in _____ to the Law. (6:7-8)

5. The Philistines were curious to find out whether this "plague" was from _____ or just _____. (6:9-12)

* How did the Israelites respond to the ark's return?

* What happened when they disobeyed the Law of Jehovah?

* What can you learn from these chapters?