

ISRAEL'S REVIVAL UNDER SAMUEL'S LEADERSHIP

(1 Samuel 7)

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 (chap. 4)

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

C. The COMIN HOME of the Ark of the Covenant (6:11-7:2)

1. The Ark was sent 15 miles away to Kirjath Jearim because the Levites of Beth Shemesh were _____ and _____ just like the Philistines. (6:20-7:1)
2. By the time Samuel called an assembly in Mizpah the Ark had resided in Abinadab's house for _____ already. (7:2)

D. The CALL to REPENTANCE (7:3-4)

1. Samuel called all of Israel to “_____ to the _____” with all their hearts, and to put away their _____. (7:3a)

* Is this needed for us Americans today?

2. Samuel called all of Israel to _____ their hearts for the Lord and _____ Him only, and He would _____ them. (7:3b)

* How do you apply this in your own life?

3. Israel heeded Samuel's exhortation concerning idolatry, and they put away both their _____ and _____ gods. (7:4)

E. The Nation GATHERS together in Mizpah for RENEWAL (7:5-8)

1. Israel demonstrated their _____ when they “*drew water and _____ it out before the Lord.*” (7:6a)

* What was the spiritual significance of this act?

2. Israel _____ that they had “ _____ *against the Lord.*” (7:6b)

3. Israel pleaded with Samuel (their priest, prophet and judge) to _____ cease with intercessory _____ on their behalf. (7:8)

* Is this necessary to remember and practice while in a trial?

F. The BATTLE is the LORD’S (7:9-14)

1. Before the battle against the Philistines Samuel offered up a _____ to the Lord. (7:9)

* How was this different than the battle at Aphek in 4:3?

2. Jehovah divinely _____ on behalf of Israel and caused great _____ from heaven to confuse the Philistines as they drew near for battle. (7:10)

3. Israel had such a grand _____ over their enemy the Philistines that they drove them back and reclaimed the cities of _____ and _____. (7:11-14)

* What did Samuel do to remind the people to keep the focus on the Lord?

G. A Summary of Samuel’s MINISTRY (7:15-17)