

# April 9/Day 99

## 1 Samuel 4

Verses 1-4

- Who did Israel meet in battle?
- Who won the battle and how many fell?
- What did they decide to do about it?

Verses 5-9

- What did Israel do when the ark of the covenant came into the camp?
- Do you remember what the ark was, what it was for, and what was in it?
- What did the Philistines understand?
- They didn't have much of an understanding about God, because they referred to Him as "gods". But what did they know?

Verses 10-11

- Who won this battle? What, even with the ark in the camp?
- How many Israelites were killed?
- What happened to the ark?
- What happened to Hophni and Phinehas, Eli's sons? Do you remember what God had told Eli and what God had told Samuel about Eli?

Verses 12-18

- What message did the man from Benjamin bring Eli?
- What happened to Eli?
- How old was he? What does the passage tell us about his physical condition?
- What does the last phrase tell us he was to Israel? For how long?

Verses 19-22

- What happened to Phinehas's wife when she heard the news?
- What was the child named? What did his name mean?
- Was this a true statement? What had been taken from Israel?

## 1 Samuel 5

Verses 1-5

- Dagon was the half-man half-fish god of the Philistines. Imagine a mer-man.
- How do you feel about the ark of the one-and-only God being placed beside a false god?
- What did the people of Ashdod find had happened to Dagon by the morning? Second morning?
- Did you notice Dagon had priests? All false religions have priests. The enemy mimics everything about the worship of God.
- How did this change the worship of Dagon in Ashdod?

Verses 6-12

- By what did God smite the people of Ashdod?
- Did these pagan people recognize God was the one who brought this judgment?
- What did they decide to do with the ark?
- By what did God smite the people of Gath?
- Did Ekron desire to play host to the ark of God?

## 1 Samuel 6

Verses 1-9

- How long has the ark of the covenant been in the land of the Philistines at this point?
- What did their priests and diviners tell them they should do? What was the name of the offering?
- How were they going to send it off?
- What were they to watch for as it went off?

Verses 10-12

- Which way did the cows go? Of what was this supposedly a sign?

Verses 13-16

- “Beth-shemesh” means “House (Temple) of the Sun”.
- What did the Levites do?

Verses 17-18

- What does the large stone represent?

Verses 19-21

- Maybe this seems harsh that the LORD struck down the people who looked in the ark, but shouldn't they have known and been taught they were not supposed to touch it?

## 1 Samuel 7

Verses 1-2

- How long was the ark in the house of Abinadab and Eleazar?

Verses 3-4

- What did Samuel say was required for deliverance?
- What did the sons of Israel do?

Verses 5-6

- What did Samuel do at Mizpah? What does this make him?

Verses 7-11

- What did the sons of Israel ask of Samuel because they feared the Philistines?
- Did Samuel comply?
- What did the LORD do? We have studied Job, who controls the weather?

Verses 12-14

- What did Samuel name the stone? What did this mean?
- How long was the hand of the LORD against the Philistines?
- Do some research on Philistine and Palestine.

Verses 15-17

- What did Samuel do in other cities besides his resident city, Ramah?
- What did he build in Ramah?

## 1 Samuel 8

Verses 1-3

- What did Samuel do when he got old?
- What were their names?
- What was their character like? How is this when Proverbs 22:6, says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old, he will not depart from it." Does this mean Scripture contradicts itself? No. It is important to keep context and know what kind of literature a book is. The Proverbs contain principles, not promises. We can train our children in the right way to go, but still they can and often do go astray. Is it still an important parental responsibility?

- Do you find it interesting both Eli and Samuel's sons went astray?

#### Verses 4-9

- Did Samuel's sons have a reputation?
- What did the elders wish Samuel to do?
- Whom had the elders rejected in asking for a king to rule over them?
- Is there any application for us? When people reject us believers, who are they actually rejecting?
- In what way had they forsaken Him?
- What did God tell Samuel to do?

#### Verses 10-18

- What kinds of things would a king take from the people? For what?
- What would the people become to a king?
- What would they do in that day and how would the LORD respond? Why?

#### Verses 19-22

- Did the people listen joyfully and carefully to Samuel?
- Who did they want to be like?
- What two things did they assume their king would do?
- Who had been fighting their battles?
- To whom did the people repeat their words?
- What did the LORD tell Samuel to do?
- What is the application for us here in regard to our governing bodies? Do we look to our government for our salvation? What is the application for us in regard to giving the LORD His rightful place as king?

See you tomorrow.