

Bible 101

Lesson 43 - The Philistines Capture the Ark

1 Samuel 4-7

1 Samuel 4

1. What prompted the Israelites to bring the Ark of the Covenant into battle against the Philistines, and who accompanied the Ark?
 2. What was the initial reaction of the Philistines when they heard that the Ark of the Covenant had entered the Israelite camp?
 3. What was the outcome of the battle between the Israelites and the Philistines, and what happened to the Ark of the Covenant?
 4. How did Eli react when he heard the news about the battle, his sons, and the Ark of the Covenant, and what were the circumstances of his death?
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1 Samuel 5

1. What happened to the statue of Dagon when the Ark of the Covenant was placed in the temple of Dagon in Ashdod?
2. What afflictions did the people of Ashdod and the surrounding areas suffer after the Ark of the Covenant was brought to their city?
3. How did the Philistines respond to the troubles caused by the presence of the Ark of the Covenant in their cities?

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4. What decision did the leaders of the Philistines make concerning the Ark of the Covenant at the end of the chapter?
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1 Samuel 6

1. What advice did the priests and diviners of the Philistines give regarding the return of the Ark of the Covenant to Israel, and what offerings were suggested to accompany it?
 2. What was the reaction of the inhabitants of Beth Shemesh when they saw the Ark of the Covenant being returned, and what did they do with the cart and the cows?
 3. What did the Lord do to some of the men of Beth Shemesh, and why, after the Ark of the Covenant was returned?
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1 Samuel 7

1. What actions did Samuel instruct the Israelites to take to return to the Lord and be delivered from the Philistines?
2. Describe the events and outcome of the battle at Mizpah when the Israelites fought against the Philistines with Samuel's leadership and the Lord's intervention.
3. What did Samuel do to commemorate the victory over the Philistines, and how did this act symbolize God's help for Israel?