

1 Samuel 4:1-22

1. War with the Philistines ([1 Samuel 4:1-4](#))
 - A. The Philistines _____ the Israelite army.
 - B. Israel's elders wondered why God _____ them to suffer this terrible defeat.
 - C. The elders decide to treat the Ark of the Covenant as a good _____ charm.
 - D. Hophni and _____ accompany the Ark of the Covenant.
2. The Ark of the Covenant Arrived ([1 Samuel 4:5-9](#))
 - A. The Philistines recalled their knowledge of Israel's _____.
 - B. The Philistines fear and alarm caused them to _____ their resolve.
3. The Ark of the Covenant is _____. ([1 Samuel 4:10-11](#))
 - A. Israel suffered a great _____.
 - B. Israel's _____ crisis had reached a pinnacle.
4. The Death of _____ ([1 Samuel 4:12-18](#))
 - A. A messenger brought news to _____ of the terrible defeat.
 - B. Upon hearing the news of the Ark's capture, Eli fell off his chair and _____.
5. The Birth of _____ ([1 Samuel 4:19-22](#))
 - A. Phinehas' wife, hearing the news, went into labor, gave birth to a son, and _____.
 - B. The boy was named Ichabod, meaning "_____".

Discussion Questions

1. What things do Christians today use as a good luck charm or talisman?
2. How do Christians attempt to manipulate God today?
3. What dangers are present when we assume “God is on our side” because of his historical actions on our behalf?
4. Why did God allow his people to be slaughtered by a pagan, godless nation?
5. Does God still judge people and nations in the same way he did in the days of Samuel? Why or why not?
6. Why do we tend to minimize teaching on God’s judgment?
7. What was the significance of God’s glory leaving Shiloh?