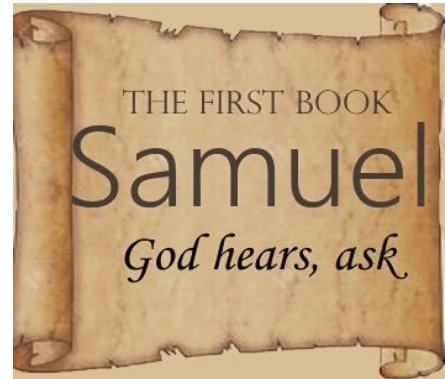


# 1 SAMUEL 5 vs 1

In the 350 years of the judges before this book; years characterize by the phrase: and the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord. Obviously, the Lord said enough and sent Samuel, who was the last judge; a good judge, who moved in the power of the Spirit.

This first book of Samuel, focuses on 3 principle people: Samuel, from his birth to his death, Saul, the first king – the people's choice, and David, the blessed king, the Lord's choice.



War with the Philistines, who captured the Ark,

**<sup>1</sup> Now the Philistines took the Ark of God, and brought it from Ebenezer to Ashdod.**

**<sup>2</sup> Then the Philistines took the Ark of God, they brought it into the house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon.**

**<sup>3</sup> And when they of Ashdod arose early the next morning, behold, Dagon had fallen on his face to the ground before the Ark of the LORD. So they took Dagon, and set him in his place again.**

**<sup>4</sup> But when they arose early the next morning, behold, Dagon had fallen on his face to the ground before the Ark of the LORD; and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands were cut off on the threshold; only the trunk of Dagon was left to him.**

**<sup>5</sup> Therefore neither the priests of Dagon, nor anyone who enter the house of Dagon, tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod to this day.**

**<sup>6</sup> Now the hand of the LORD was heavy on those of Ashdod, and He destroyed them, and struck them with hemorrhoids, both Ashdod and its territories.**

**<sup>7</sup> And when the men of Ashdod saw that it happened, they said, The Ark of the God of Israel will not remain with us: for His hand is severely on us, and on Dagon our god.**

**<sup>8</sup> Therefore they sent and gathered all the leaders of the Philistines to them, and said, What will we do with the Ark of the God of Israel? And they answered, Let the Ark of the God of Israel be brought around to Gath. And they carried the Ark of the God of Israel there.**

**<sup>9</sup> And it happened, that, after they had carried it around, the hand of the LORD was against the city with very great confusion: and He struck the men of the city, both small and great, and they had hemorrhoids on their private parts.**

**<sup>10</sup> So they sent the Ark of God to Ekron. And it happened, as the Ark of God came to Ekron, that those of Ekron cried out, saying, They have brought about the Ark of the God of Israel to us, to kill us and our people.**

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<sup>11</sup> Then hey sent and gathered together all the leaders of the Philistines, and said, Send away the Ark of the God of Israel, and let it go again to its own place, that it does not kill us, and our people: for there was a deadly confusion throughout all the city; the hand of God was very heavy there.

<sup>12</sup> And the men who did not die were struck with hemorrhoids: and the cry of the city went up to heaven.

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