

Idol Gives Back (1 Samuel 4-7)

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Memory Verse - 1 Samuel 2:30

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FROMTO Context Quiz:

Time of Judges was when everyone did what was right in their own eyes.

High priest – Eli and corrupt sons, (Egyptian Names) Hophni (Tadpole) and Phinehas (The Nubian)

Hophni and Phinehas sins – Took offerings by force **1 Samuel 2:17**, Sexual immorality **1 Samuel 2:22**

Ark located in Shiloh

Ark, contents: tablets, 10 commandments, Aaron's robe, manna

Ark design:

Ark Significance: the presence, power and protection of God

Ark was captured and taken to Ashdod. **1 Samuel 5:1**

God plagued the Philistines like He did to the Egyptians in the book of Exodus

The Philistine god was Dagon

Four deaths resulted, Eli, two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, and his wife giving birth, Ichabod = Inglorious

There were 5 Philistine lords, 5 tumors and rats, 5 cities- AG-AGE Ashdod, Gaza, Askelon, Gath, Ekron

Eli's two sons died. This was penalty for their sin in the temple. **1 Samuel 2:17, 2:22, 4:11**

Ebenezer –Stone of help

God's strength was rendered powerless because?

1. What changes do you need to make in order to transition?

FROM experiencing a small amount of God's power	TO possessing miraculous amounts of God's power

Hint: 1 Samuel 2:30 –“... for those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed.”

2. Allow God to _____ guide _____ you back to Himself.