

**1Samuel 3****Key Verse:** v.10**Key Word:** “*here am I*”**X-Ref:** Acts 13:20**Paraphrase:** *Samuel receives word from the Lord and is established as a prophet.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) What was peculiar about the word of the Lord during this time? *It was rare and infrequent – v.1.*
- 2) “It is the Lord. Let him do what seems good to him” was Eli’s response to what? *The message that God gave to Samuel – vs.11-18.*
- 3) Samuel grew and became known as what? *A prophet.*

**1Samuel 4****Key Verse:** v.22**Key Word:** *Ichabod – v.21***X-Ref:** Ruth 1:20**Paraphrase:** *The ark is taken by the Philistines. Eli and his sons die.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) After Israel lost a battle to the Philistines, they decided to bring the ark of the covenant to the battle. Why? *They saw it as a good luck charm or a way of including God in the battle.*
- 2) Did God fight for them? *No, 30,000 died along with Hophni and Phinehas and they lost the ark.*
- 3) What does the name “Ichabod” mean? *No glory. – Birthing a son was usually significant, but the ark was gone and Eli, Hophni and Phinehas were dead.*

**1Samuel 5****Key Verse:** v.4**Key Word:** *Afflicted – v.6***X-Ref:** 1Samuel 4:1**Paraphrase:** *The Philistines put the ark of the covenant in with Dagon. God afflicts the Philistines.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) Name the locations that the Philistines brought the ark of the covenant. *Ashdod then to Gath and then to Ekron – vv.1, 8, 9.*
- 2) What happened to the god of the Philistines? *On the first morning, it was found face down before the ark. On the second morning it was the same except its head and hands were cut off – vs.3-4.*
- 3) People in the cities were afflicted with tumors. Did anyone die from this? *Yes – v.12.*

**1Samuel 6****Key Verse:** v.3; v.12**Key Word:** *Ark – v.1***X-Ref:** Daniel 2:2**Paraphrase:** *The Philistines followed a plan given by their diviners to send the ark back to Israel.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) How long did the Philistines keep the ark? *7 months – v.1*
- 2) If people were dying and getting tumors, why didn’t they get rid of it sooner? *Likely, for the same reasons we do not repent sooner. Even up to the end they hoped it was just a coincidence – v.9.*
- 3) When Israel saw the ark, how did they react? *They rejoiced – v.13.*

**1Samuel 7****Key Verse:** v.3**Key Word:** *returning – v.3***X-Ref:** Matthew 4:10**Paraphrase:** *Samuel helps Israel return to God.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) At whose house did the ark remain for 20 years? *Abinadab – vs.1-2.*
- 2) What instructions did Samuel give to Israel? *Put away false gods and direct your hearts to the Lord and serve Him only – v.3.*
- 3) What did the Lord do when the Philistines attacked? *He thundered loudly from heaven and confused them – v.10.*
- 4) What did Samuel do to remember this day? *He set up a stone and called it Ebenezer – v.12.*

**1Samuel 8****Key Verse:** *v.19***Key Word:** *king – v.5***X-Ref:** *1Peter 2:9***Paraphrase:** *Israel demands a king so they can be like all the other nations.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) Samuel was a great man and a good judge. Describe his sons. *They took bribes and did not walk in the ways of their father – v.3.*
- 2) How did Samuel feel when the people asked for a king? *He was displeased and probably hurt, for God said to him that they had not rejected Samuel, they had rejected God – vs.6-7.*
- 3) How did Israel respond to the words of the Lord spoken by Samuel regarding Kings? *They refused to obey – v.18.*

**1Samuel 9****Key Verse:** *v.27***Key Word:** *Saul – v.2***X-Ref:** *Acts 13:21***Paraphrase:** *Saul meets with Samuel.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) Why did Saul go to see the prophet/seer? *So he could tell him where to find his donkeys – v.6.*
- 2) Describe Saul. *Wealthy, tall, handsome, and from a lowly clan of the tribe of Benjamin – vv.1-2; 21.*
- 3) Why was Saul confused by the way that Samuel treated him? *Saul did not think he was worthy of the attention because family, though wealthy, was not of an important clan – v.21.*