

NIV MEMORY VERSE: James 4:7

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

UNITED KINGDOM 3-1

**"THE ARK ON THE MOVE"
READ 1 Samuel 4:1 - 7:1**

DAY 1 - READ 1 Samuel 4:1 - 7:1

1. What was meaningful to you in last week's lesson/lecture?

2. The Ark of the Covenant is the subject of this week's Scripture. From Exodus 25:10-22, match the following:
 - a. acacia _____ 1. between them God would meet with Israel
 - b. gold overlay _____ 2. wood for the ark
 - c. rings and poles _____ 3. covering inside and out
 - d. cherubim _____ 4. placed on top of the ark
 - e. atonement cover _____ 5. method of carrying the ark
 - f. testimony _____ 6. Ten Commandments

3. From Joshua 6:1-5, why might there have been a superstition about the power of the ark itself in battle?

DAY 2 - REVIEW 1 Samuel 4:1-22

4. The Israelites went out to fight the _____ and lost about _____ men in battle. What was their remedy?

5. a. Who agreed with this plan by their physical presence?
 - b. (IN-DEPTH) By the ark not being in its place in Shiloh, how do you think the worship life of the Tabernacle was affected?

 - c. Fill in: If _____ were missing, it would severely handicap my worship experience.

6. How did the Philistines respond to the presence of the ark in the Hebrew camp?

7. a. From Psalm 78:56-62, what were some of the causes of Israel's defeat?
 - b. Give an example of how you think people do that today.

DAY 2 – (Continued) REVIEW 1 Samuel 4:1-22

8. What happened to Israel's army?
 - . . . the ark?
 - . . . Eli's sons?
9. From verses 12-18, identify these facts about Eli:
 - a. His main concern
 - b. His age and physical appearance
 - c. What he lost
 - d. How he died
 - e. His years of service to Israel
10. Why did the wife of Phinehas name her child Ichabod?
11. There is a powerful object lesson in today's Old Testament Scripture. Summarize the parallel you see in the New Testament book of Hebrews 10:26-31.

DAY 3 - REVIEW 1 Samuel 5:1-12

12. a. According to Judges 16:23, what was Dagon?
 - b. What convinced the Philistines of God's superior power (vs. 1-5)?
13. What was God's judgment against the Philistines?
14. Just as the Philistines played "pass the ark" to solve their problems, so people today try and "pass the blame" for their problems to someone or something else. What do these Scriptures teach the Christian to do?
 - a. 1 John 1:8,9
 - b. James 1:5
 - c. James 4:7
 - d. Philippians 4:6-8

DAY 4 - REVIEW 1 Samuel 6:1-12

15. After seven months of terror, what did the Philistines plan to do with the ark?
16. The ark was to be accompanied by a _____ offering of what?
17. a. What did the Philistines use as a sign from God?
b. What is the most important sign God has given His people to lead us to salvation according to Matthew 12:39,40 and 1 Peter 1:3?

DAY 5 - REVIEW 1 Samuel 6:13 - 7:1

18. a. How did the people of Beth Shemesh celebrate the return of the ark to Israel?
b. Share a time of spontaneous rejoicing in your life.
19. a. What was their sin and punishment?
b. It is sacrilege to treat the holy things of God with contempt. Write what Isaiah 8:13 says about reverence for God.
c. Share one particular way you show reverence for God.
20. What happened to the ark?

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: