

01



**Israel takes the Ark of the Covenant to battle
(1 Samuel 4:1-9)**

The Philistines show up to fight Israel, and win.

Israel asks, “Why has the LORD allowed us to lose?”

The Israelites bring the Ark of the Covenant to convince God to fight for them.

(Good luck charm?!)

02



**Ark Captured,
Eli's family destroyed
(1 Samuel 4:10-22)**

The Philistines are terrified by the Ark of the Covenant.

(They remember what God did to the Egyptians in Exodus!)

They rally (“Be men and fight!”) and crush the Israelites.

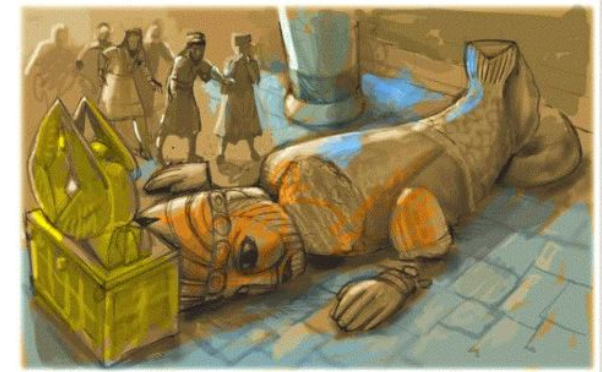
The Philistines capture the Ark.

Eli's sons are killed.

Eli's family dies.

Eli is shocked by the news and falls to his death.

03



**The LORD punishes the Philistines
(1 Samuel 5)**

The Philistines take the Ark to the temple of the god Dagon.

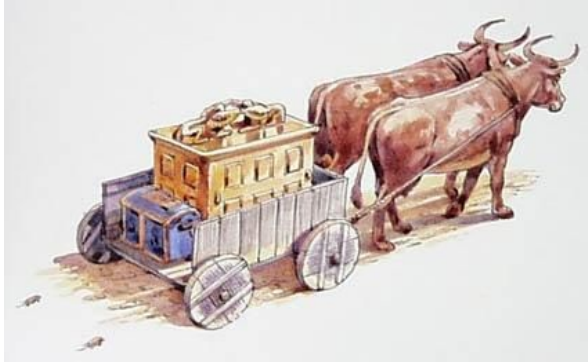
Dagon falls on his face before the Ark. His head and hands break off.

The LORD inflicts the Philistines with tumors.

They move the Ark from city to city, but tumors inflict the people wherever it goes.

They resolve to return the Ark to Israel.

04



The Ark returns to Israel (1 Samuel 6:1 - 7:1)

The Ark was with the Philistines for 7 months, and had stayed in all 5 of the ruling cities.

The Philistines return the Ark with a guilt offering, hitched to an unmanned, cow-driven cart.

The Israelites rejoiced and sacrificed the cows to the LORD when they received it.

70 Israelites were killed because they looked into the Ark.

“Who can stand in the presence of the LORD, this **holy** God?”

05



Israel returns to the LORD (1 Samuel 7:2-6)

All Israel turned back to the LORD.

Samuel commands Israel to “rid yourselves of the foreign gods and serve him only, and he will **deliver** you.”

They obey.

Samuel gathers the people for a sacrifice to the LORD to communicate their repentance.

06



The LORD saves Israel (1 Samuel 7:7-17)

The Philistines attack while Israel is worshipping the LORD.

The LORD **thundered** at the Philistines and threw them into a panic, and Israelites slaughtered the Philistines.

Samuel set up a stone to remind them of God's deliverance.