

Questions

1. Where did the Philistines put the ark of God after capturing it?
2. What was Dagon? What happened to Dagon? (See pg. 2 for more)
3. What did God do to the Philistines in the places to which they carried the ark?
4. What did the people of Ekron tell the lords of the Philistines to do with the ark? What advice did the Philistine priests and diviners propose?
5. How long was the ark in the Philistines' possession?
6. What happened to some of the men of Beth-shemesh? Why? (Num. 4:20)
7. How long was the ark at Kiriath-jearim?
8. After Samuel's sacrifices, what was the outcome of the next battle against the Philistines? Why? (1 Sam. 7:3-11)

9. The term *Ebenezer* is found in our hymn “O Thou Fount Of Every Blessing.” It comes from 1 Samuel 7. What did Ebenezer mean in Hebrew? In the hymn, what is our figurative Ebenezer? (Full lyrics on pg. 3)

10. Were Samuel’s sons good judges? What did they do?

11. What were some reasons Israel wanted a king?

12. What instructions had God given through Moses concerning kings? (Deut. 17:14-20)

13. What did Israel think a monarchy would look like?

14. What did Samuel tell them a monarchy would really look like?



Dagon

A god in Mesopotamian mythology and a chief god of the Philistines. Associated with fertility.

Judges 16:23; 1 Sam. 5:1-7; 1 Chron. 10:10

Image: mythology.net/others/gods/dagon

O Thou Fount of Every Blessing (Hymns For Worship #420)

1. O Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise;
Teach me ever to adore Thee; May I still Thy goodness prove;
While the hope of endless glory, Fills my heart with joy and love.

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer: Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope by Thy good pleasure Safely to arrive at home;
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God;
He to rescue me from danger Interposed His precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness like a fetter Bind my wandering heart to Thee;
Never let me wander from Thee, Never leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.