

Bible Study
1 Samuel 4

1. How far does the word of Samuel travel? Is that what emboldens the Israelites? Who do they rise up against to battle? Where do they gather for battle?
2. Why are the Israelites so confident they will win? Who wins the fight? How many are killed? What do the elders say? Who do they blame on the defeat? What new plan do they concoct to ensure a future victory?
3. How is the ark described? Who is with the ark when it is brought from Shiloh? Why is Samuel not listed as present? How do the Israelites respond when the ark is brought to the camp?
4. How do the Philistines respond when they hear the shouts of the Israelites? Why are they afraid? What do they think the Israelites will do to them? Who wins the second battle? What is taken? Who dies?
5. Who comes to tell Eli about the defeat? What does he do with his clothes? Where was Eli sitting? Why is Eli's heart trembling? Who cries out when the man gives the news? How old was Eli when this happened?
6. What news does the man deliver Eli? What happens when Eli finds out about the ark? Why? What causes his death? How long had he judged Israel?
7. What happens with Phinehas's wife when she hears about the death of her husband? What do the women that are attending to her tell her? Why should she not be afraid? How does Phinehas's wife respond when she hears the news of her son? Why?
8. Why does she name the child Ichabod?