

Bible Study
1 Samuel 7 and 8

1. After the issues in Beth-shemesh, where does the ark of the covenant wind up? Who is consecrated to take care of the ark? Why? How long is the ark there? Even though the ark is back in Jewish territory, what is the mood of the Israelites? Why?
2. What does Samuel tell the Israelites to do? What does that entail? Who are they to serve? How did paganism become such a problem in the Israelite territories? Who will God deliver them from if they will turn their hearts back to Him?
3. Where does Samuel tell Israel to gather? What will he do there? What do they do? What happens when the Philistines find out the Israelites are gathered? How do the Israelites respond?
4. What does Samuel offer as a burnt offering? How does the LORD respond? What happens when the Philistines draw near to attack? How far do the Israelites chase the Philistines down?
5. What does Samuel do when the Philistines are defeated? What happens to the cities the Philistines had captured?
6. Who becomes judge over Israel when Samuel is old? What do we know about Joel and Abijah? How do the elders of Israel respond to their behavior? What do they demand? Why?
7. How does Samuel respond? What does the LORD say in His response to Samuel's prayer? Why would Samuel think the people had rejected him? What does God tell Samuel to do?
8. What warning does Samuel give the Israelites? How do they respond to the warning? Why? What benefits do they think they will get?