

SAMUEL 1 – CHAPTER 6 (NOTES)

Q1. Why did the Philistines want to get rid of the Ark?

Ans: The Ark had brought plagues and death upon the Philistines in the cities of Ashdod, Gath, and Ekron, causing them great suffering.

Q2 Who did the Philistines consult, and what was their advice?

Ans: The priests and diviners advised the Philistines to send the Ark back with a guilt offering to atone for their sin.

Q3 What was the guilt offering?

Ans: The offering included five golden tumors and five golden mice, representing the tumors and mice that had afflicted them, and was to be placed in a chest on the cart with the Ark.

Q4 How was the Ark sent back?

Ans: It was placed on a new cart pulled by two cows that had never been yoked and had never given birth, in hopes that their milk-producing instinct would draw them away from their calves and lead them toward Beth Shemesh.

Q5 What was the test for the Philistines?

Ans: The test was to see if the cows went straight toward the Israelite land of Beth Shemesh, or if their natural instinct to return to their calves would cause them to wander, indicating God was not responsible for the plagues.

Q6 What was the outcome of the test?

Ans: The cows went straight along a single highway to Beth Shemesh, confirming to the Philistines that the plagues were from the Lord.

Q7 What was the result of the Ark's arrival in Beth Shemesh?

Ans: The people rejoiced, offered sacrifices, and celebrated the return of the Ark.

Q8 What sin did the people of Beth Shemesh commit?

Ans: They committed a sin by looking into the Ark, an act forbidden by God, resulting in a devastating plague from the Lord.

Q9 What was the consequence of their sin?

Ans: The Lord struck down 70 men for looking into the Ark, causing great sorrow and fear among the people.

Q10 Where was the Ark taken next?

Ans: The people of Beth Shemesh decided to send the Ark to Kiriath-Jearim, a town where it remained for 20 years under the care of Abinadab and his family.