

**"Historical Books Of The Bible"**

**1 Samuel 5:1-12**

**Wednesday January 8, 2014**

**1 Samuel 1-7 – The Ministry Of Samuel: Samuel – "Heard of God" and "Asked of God."**

**Samuel's office included:**

- 1. Samuel as Judge – 7:6**
- 2. Samuel as Priest – Levitical descendent and served as a priest, 10:8**
- 3. Samuel as Prophet – 3:20**

**1 Samuel 2:12-3:21 – Eli And His Family: Corrupt Priesthood!**

**1 Samuel 4-6 – God's Judgment Upon Israel And The Philistines.**

**1 Samuel 4 – Ark Captured, Israel's Defeat, Death of Eli's Family.**

**1 Samuel 5 – Judgment Of God Upon The Philistines.**

**1. Verses 1-5 – God's Judgment On A False God**

**2. Verses 6-12 – God's Judgment On The Philistines**

**1. Verses 1-5 – God's Judgment On A False God:**

1 Samuel 5:1

"Now the Philistines took the ark of God" – 1 Samuel 4:19-22

"Ebenezer" – literally, "stone of help" Western hills of Israel.

"to Ashdod" – literally, "ravager"; 30 miles southwest of Ebenezer.

1 Samuel 5:2

Dagon – corn – fertility, "the fish god" – waistline up, he was a man; waistline down, a fish. (Male Mermaid) Dagon was the national god of Philistines – The nautical god of the Philistines – They would give tribute and thanks to him for producing fertility of the ocean, etc.

Romans 1:18-25

"set it by Dagon" – literally, "at his side,"

1 Samuel 5:3

At the arrest of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane: John 18:6

Psalm 115:1-18

Psalm 115:3 – “in the Heavens” – sovereignty

Psalm 115:4 – “Silver & Gold” – “work of man's hands”

Psalm 115:5 – “Mouth – can't speak – eyes can't see”

Psalm 115:6 – “Ears – cannot hear – noses can't smell”

Psalm 115:7 – “Hands cannot feel – feet cannot walk ... can't make a sound with throat”

Psalm 115:8 – “Those who make them will become like them,”

Psalm 115:9-18 – He is a Shield .... Help

1 Samuel 5:4

“cut off” – not broken off – but severed with deliberate care, and placed contemptuously upon the threshold.

“head” – symbol of reason – intellect

“hands” – activity – service

“Just a trunk of Dagon was left” – God stripped Dagon to expose him for what he really is, nothing! Empty

1 Samuel 5:5

## **2. Verses 6-12 – God's Judgment On The Philistines:**

1 Samuel 5:6

Ashdod – “ravager”

“hand of the Lord was heavy on the Ashdodites” – “grievous, burdensome, difficult, hard”

“smote them with tumors” – KJV – “emrods”; Heb. – opel; refers to tumors or swellings of the rectal area. (KJV) 1 Samuel 5:9 – “they had emerods in their secret parts.” This word that was used was considered not fit for public reading in the synagogue.

1 Samuel 5:7

Verses 8-9 – God Versus The Leaders: 1 Samuel 5:8

“So they sent and gathered all the lords of the Philistines to them and said,” – The five key cities of the Philistines were Ashdod, Gaza, Ashkelon, Gath, and Ekron, and each had a ruler or “lord”. 1 Sam 6:16-17

Gath – Literally, “winepress”, Revelation 19:15-16

(Philistines had no desire to relinquish the Ark to the Lord!)

1 Samuel 5:9

“great confusion;” – “uproar, destruction, trouble, tumult, vexation, or agitate greatly, destroy, make a noise.”

1 Samuel 4:9

**It is a sad condition when we allow our sin and its consequences to be poured out upon our children, grandchildren.**

Verses 10-12 – God Versus The Ekronites: 1 Samuel 5:10

“So they sent the ark of God to Ekron.” – The word means “eradication, a primitive root; to pluck up (especially by the roots); figurative to exterminate, dig down, root up.”

There is the truth that if we reject the God of grace, we will meet the God of justice. John 3:17-21

1 Samuel 5:11

“They sent therefore and gathered all the lords of the Philistines and said,” – All the leaders of the Philistines gathered to figure out what should take place.

“Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it return to its own place, that it may not kill us and our people.” – Send it back to where it came from.

“For there was a deadly confusion throughout the city;” – God killed a number of citizens (“deadly confusion, destruction”); “a dismay of death.”

1 Samuel 5:12

2 Cor. 7:10

**Application:**

1. God Is Still In Control When The Enemy Has Seemingly Captured The Glory.
2. God's People May Experience The Loss Of A Battle, But God Will Give The Ultimate Victory Of The War.
3. Those Who Defy God Must Ultimately Pay The Consequences Of His Hand Of Judgment And Discipline.