

Wednesday Night Bible Study

1 Samuel 6-10

September 23, 2020

Opening Considerations (Part 1)

QUESTION 1: What is the _____ of the LORD? Aka Ark of the covenant?

a. Physical Description

Ark of the Covenant

Exodus 25:10–22

Holiest object of Israelite worship

Contained the stone tablets of the law

Symbolized God's presence



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b. Narratives the Ark is a part of

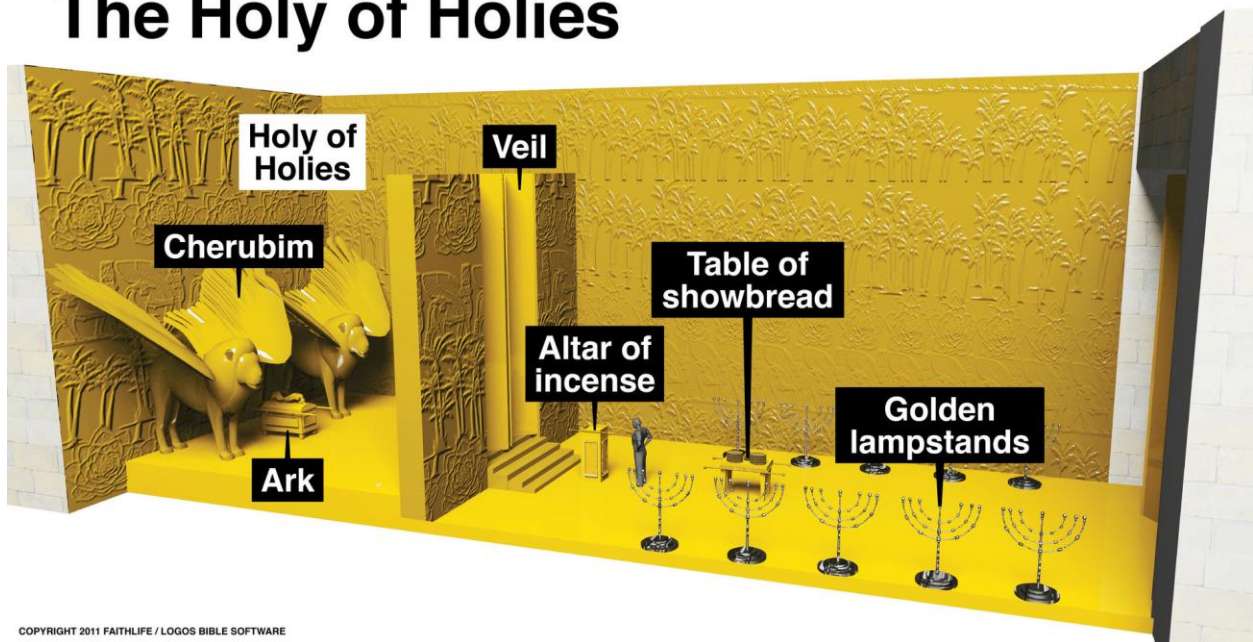
- God commands it to be built and describes it (Exodus 25:10-22)
- God appoints Oholiab & Bezalel to build it (Ex 31:1-11)
- Making the Ark (Exodus 37:1-9)
- Coming before the Ark happened once a year on the day of atonement (Lev. 16)
- Instructions for _____ the Ark – Numbers 4:16-20
- Levites carry the ark ahead of the people and God parts the Jordan (Joshua 3)
- The Ark is carried around Jericho in Joshua 6:4
- At Christ's death, the curtain separating the ark was torn (Mark 15:37-38)

c. Theological significance

19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

—Hebrews 10:19-22

The Holy of Holies



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QUESTION 2: What has already been revealed about a king for Israel?

a. _____ was seen as their ultimate King

18 The Lord will reign forever and ever.”

—Exodus 15:18

5 Thus the Lord became king in Jeshurun, when the heads of the people were gathered, all the tribes of Israel together.

—Deuteronomy 33:5

b. A future King was _____ in the Pentateuch

6 I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you.

—Genesis 17:6

10 The scepter shall not depart from Judah,
nor the ruler's staff from between his feet,
until tribute comes to him;
and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.

—Genesis 49:10

17 I see him, but not now;
I behold him, but not near:
a star shall come out of Jacob,
and a scepter shall rise out of Israel;
it shall crush the forehead of Moab
and break down all the sons of Sheth.

—Numbers 24:17

Laws Concerning Israel's Kings

14 "When you come to the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you possess it and dwell in it and then say, 'I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are around me,' 15 you may indeed set a king over you whom the Lord your God will choose. One from among your brothers you shall set as king over you. You may not put a foreigner over you, who is not your brother. 16 Only he must not acquire many horses for himself or cause the people to return to Egypt in order to acquire many horses, since the Lord has said to you, 'You shall never return that way again.' 17 And he shall not acquire many wives for himself, lest his heart turn away, nor shall he acquire for himself excessive silver and gold.

18 "And when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself in a book a copy of this law, approved by the Levitical priests. 19 And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord his God by keeping all the

words of this law and these statutes, and doing them, 20 that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, either to the right hand or to the left, so that he may continue long in his kingdom, he and his children, in Israel.

—Deuteronomy 17:14-20

36 “The Lord will bring you and your king whom you set over you to a nation that neither you nor your fathers have known. And there you shall serve other gods of wood and stone.

—Deuteronomy 28:36

25 In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

—Judges 21:25 (Also Judges 17:6, 18:1, 19:1)

Outline, Structure, and Features (Part 2)

I. Samuel, the last _____ (1 Samuel 1:1-7:17)

- a. Samuel’s birth and dedication to the Lord (1 Samuel 1:1-28)
- b. Hannah’s prayer (1 Samuel 2:1-11)
- c. Corruption at Shiloh (1 Samuel 2:12-36)
- d. God calls Samuel (1 Samuel 3:1-21)
- e. The Ark Narratives (1 Samuel 4-6)
 - i. The Ark is captured (1 Samuel 4)
 - ii. The Philistines and the Ark (1 Samuel 5)
 - iii. The Ark is returned (1 Samuel 6:1-7:2)
- f. Samuel Judges Israel (1 Samuel 7:3-17)

II. Samuel & _____, Israel’s first King (1 Samuel 8:1-15:35)

- a. Israel _____ a King (1 Samuel 8)
 - i. The people demand (1 Samuel 8:1-9)
 - ii. Samuel warns them (1 Samuel 8:10-18)
 - iii. God grants their request (1 Samuel 8:19-22)
- b. Saul chosen to be King (1 Samuel 9)
- c. Saul is _____ as King (1 Samuel 10:1-16)
- d. Saul is proclaimed as King (1 Samuel 10:17-27)

QUESTION: HOW IS SAUL PORTRAYED IN THE TEXT?

THEMES OF NOTE

1. Echoes of the _____ (1 Samuel 4:8, 6:6, 7:10)

8 Woe to us! Who can deliver us from the power of these mighty gods? These are the gods who struck the Egyptians with every sort of plague in the wilderness.

—1 Samuel 4:8

6 Why should you harden your hearts as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? After he had dealt severely with them, did they not send the people away, and they departed?

—1 Samuel 6:6

10 As Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to attack Israel. But the Lord thundered with a mighty sound that day against the Philistines and threw them into confusion, and they were defeated before Israel.

—1 Samuel 7:10

2. Emphasis on the Heart versus outward appearance

3. Spiritual _____

Shown by the Philistines and by Saul

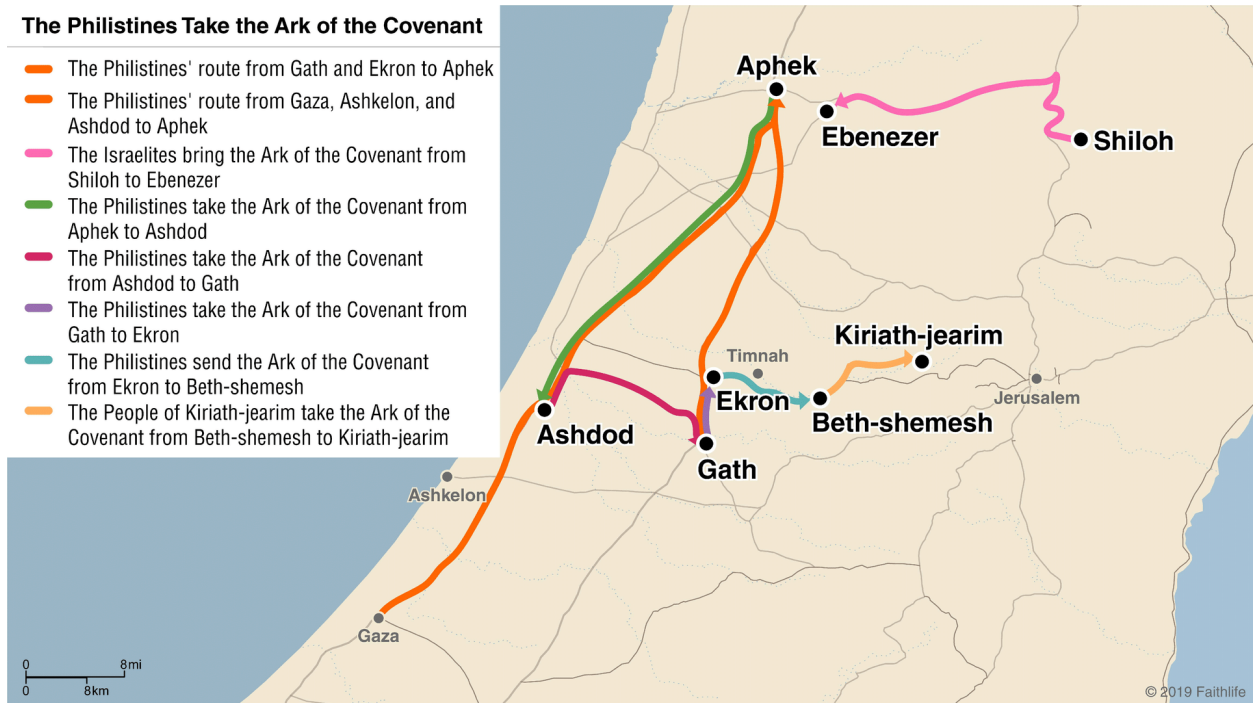
4. Lack of _____

6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

—Hebrews 11:6

The Philistines Take the Ark of the Covenant

- The Philistines' route from Gath and Ekron to Aphek
- The Philistines' route from Gaza, Ashkelon, and Ashdod to Aphek
- The Israelites bring the Ark of the Covenant from Shiloh to Ebenezer
- The Philistines take the Ark of the Covenant from Aphek to Ashdod
- The Philistines take the Ark of the Covenant from Ashdod to Gath
- The Philistines take the Ark of the Covenant from Gath to Ekron
- The Philistines send the Ark of the Covenant from Ekron to Beth-shemesh
- The People of Kiriath-jearim take the Ark of the Covenant from Beth-shemesh to Kiriath-jearim



**NOW THE PEOPLE OF BETH-SHEMESH WERE
REAPING THEIR WHEAT HARVEST IN THE VALLEY.**

**AND WHEN THEY LIFTED UP
THEIR EYES AND SAW THE ARK,
THEY REJOICED TO SEE IT.**

1 SAMUEL 6:13



Gospel Connections (Part 3)

1. Through the Ark narratives we learn that God is _____ and punishes wrong

2. The Anatomy of _____ (1 Samuel 7:3-6)

- a. Decide
- b. Turn away from sin
- c. Turn toward God
- d. Confess sin
- e. Trust God

3 And Samuel said to all the house of Israel, "If you are returning to the Lord with all your heart, then put away the foreign gods and the Ashtaroth from among you and direct your heart to the Lord and serve him only, and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines." 4 So the people of Israel put away the Baals and the Ashtaroth, and they served the Lord only.

5 Then Samuel said, "Gather all Israel at Mizpah, and I will pray to the Lord for you." 6 So they gathered at Mizpah and drew water and poured it out before the Lord and fasted on that day and said there, "We have sinned against the Lord." And Samuel judged the people of Israel at Mizpah.
—1 Samuel 7:3-6

3. The Future King Theme: Is Saul God's _____ king?

What do we learn from this section? (Part 4)

1. Who is God?

2. What has He done?

3. Who are we?

4. What are we to do?

Questions & Answers (Part 5)

WHY WAS GOD SEVERE TO THOSE WHO LOOKED AT THE ARK?

4 This is the service of the sons of Kohath in the tent of meeting: the most holy things.... 15 And when Aaron and his sons have finished covering the sanctuary and all the furnishings of the sanctuary, as the camp sets out, after that the sons of Kohath shall come to carry these, but they must not touch the holy things, lest they die. These are the things of the tent of meeting that the sons of Kohath are to carry.... 20 but they shall not go in to look on the holy things even for a moment, lest they die.”
—Numbers 4:4, 15, 20

WHY DID GOD ANSWER THEIR DEMAND FOR A KING?

24 Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, 25 because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

26 For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature
—Romans 1:24-26

OTHER QUESTIONS