

Year 2

Week 67

The Ark is Returned

Scriptures: I Samuel 5, 6, 7

Key Verse: I Samuel 7:3 Samuel said, “If you are returning to the Lord with all your hearts, then rid yourselves of the foreign gods and the Ashtoreths and commit yourselves to the Lord and serve him only and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.

Key Points:

1. Philistines took the ark of the covenant, thinking it would help them in battle. They brought the ark to their idol’s temple of Dagon. Early the next day, Dagon had fallen on its face before the ark. They set it up again, the next day it had fallen again, breaking off its head and palms of its hands. The people of that city were struck with tumors and rats destroyed their fields, proving God was more powerful than their god, Dagon.

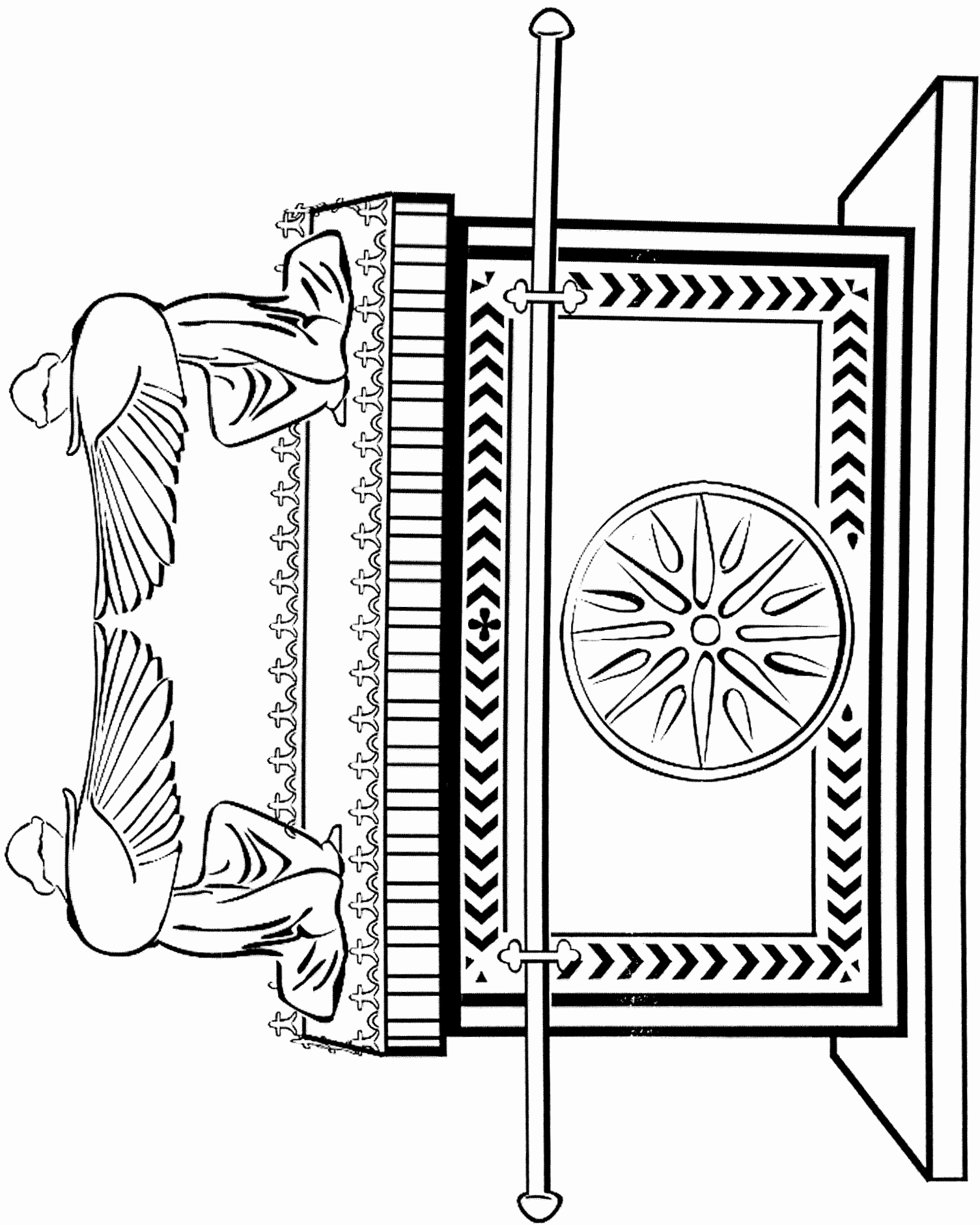
2. Philistines sent the ark away to other cities, each city being struck with tumors and rats. It had been in Philistine territory for seven months when the priests decided to get rid of the ark and the trouble it was causing.

3. They put golden tumors and gold rats in the ark as a trespass offering (apology) for taking the ark. They built a new cart for the ark and put the cart on two milk cows that had never been yoked. Sending it on its way, they watched to see that it went toward the land of the Israelites.

4. The ark came to Beth Shemesh. People looked inside and saw the tumors and rats. The cart was cut for firewood and cows sacrificed as burnt offerings to the Lord, along with the golden tumors and rats. 70 men died looking into the ark.

5. The ark was taken to Abinadab’s house where Eleazar, his son, was consecrated to watch over it. It remained there for many years.

6. Samuel told the Israelites to repent from their idolatry and evil ways. They did so, serving the Lord only. God then gave them victory over the Philistines.





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1 SAMUEL 6:13

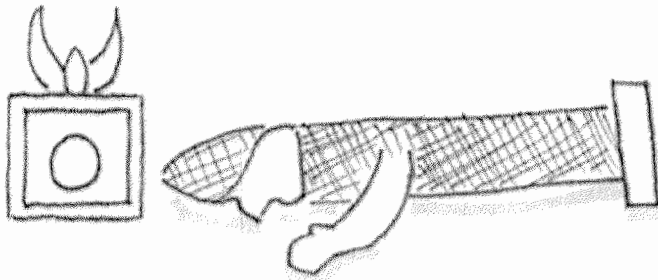
Now *the people of* Beth Shemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley; and they lifted their eyes and saw the ark, and rejoiced to see *it*.

DAGON vs. GOD

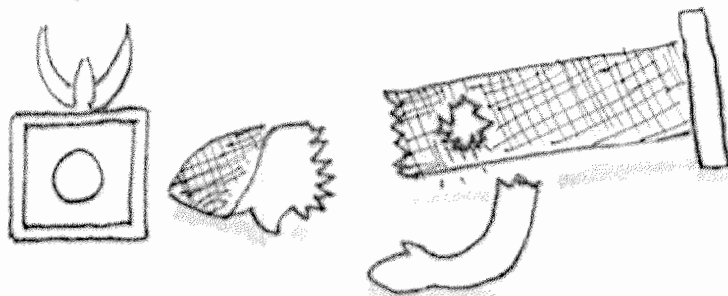
(1 Samuel 5:1-5)

The Philistines took the ark of God and brought it to the house of Dagon and set it by Dagon.

The next morning, Dagon had fallen on his face before the ark

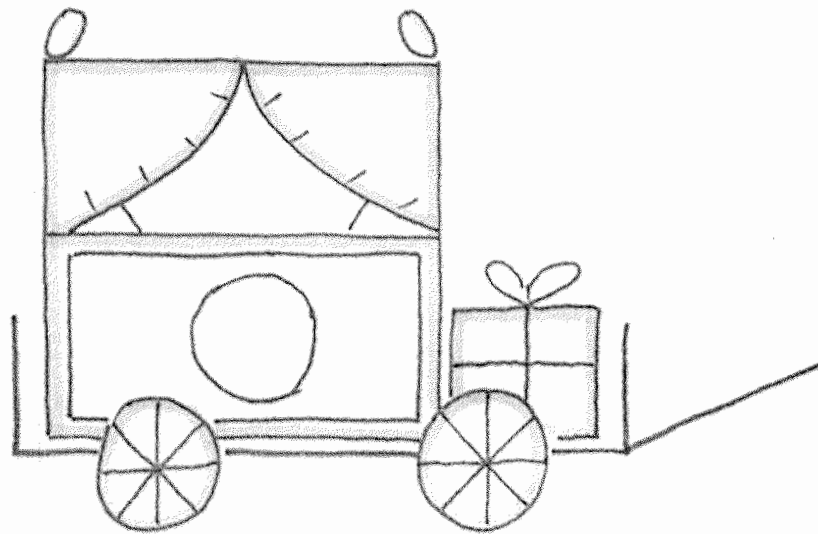


The next morning, after righting Dagon, the head and hands were cut



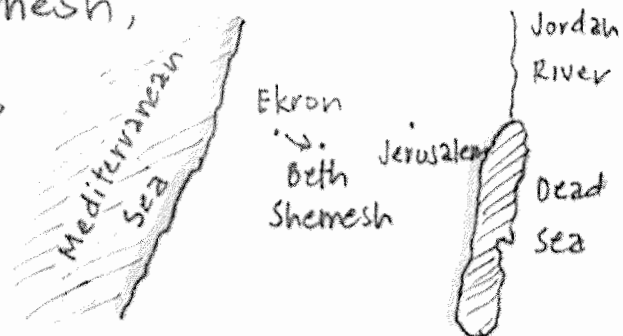
GIVING BACK THE ARK

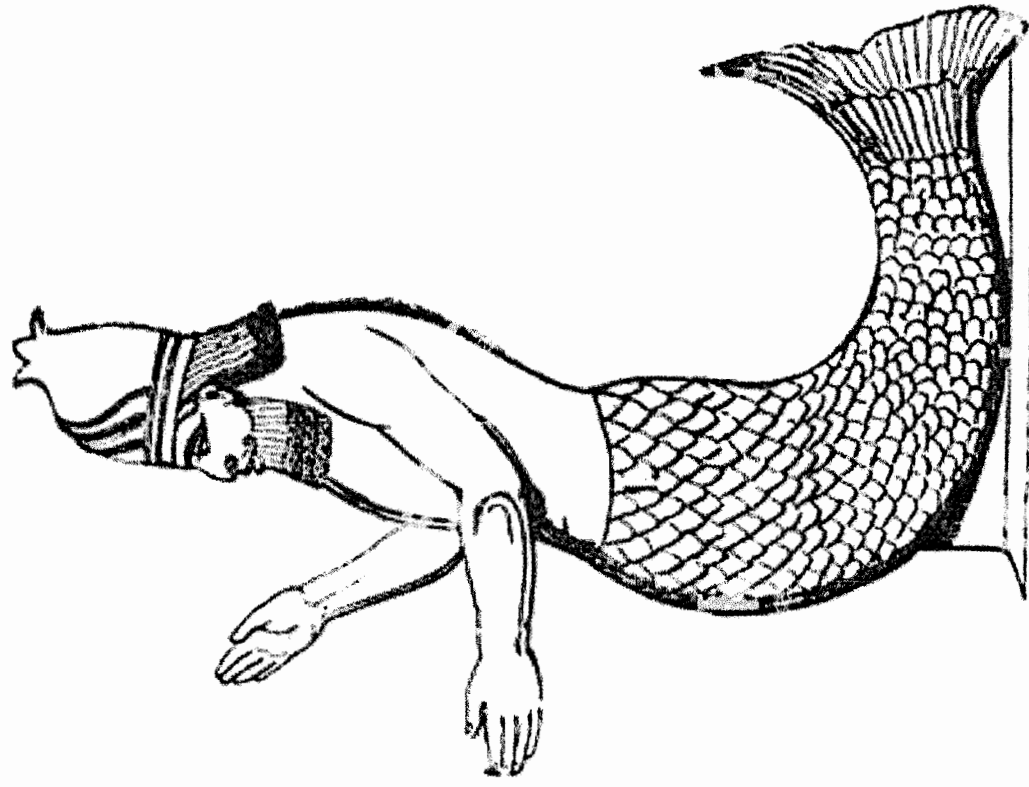
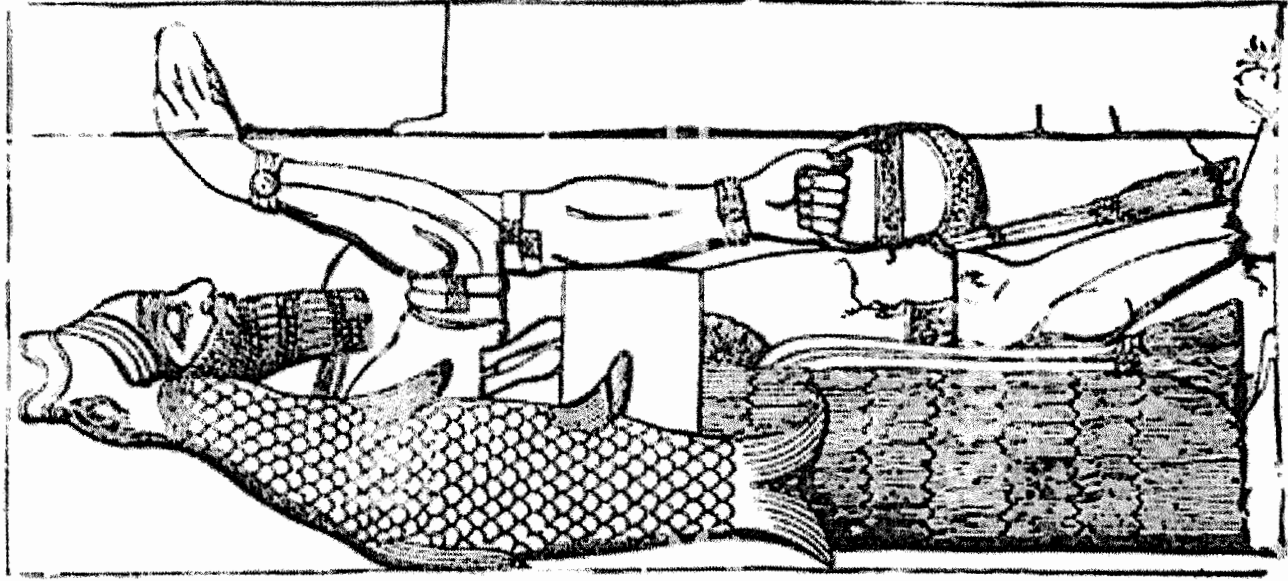
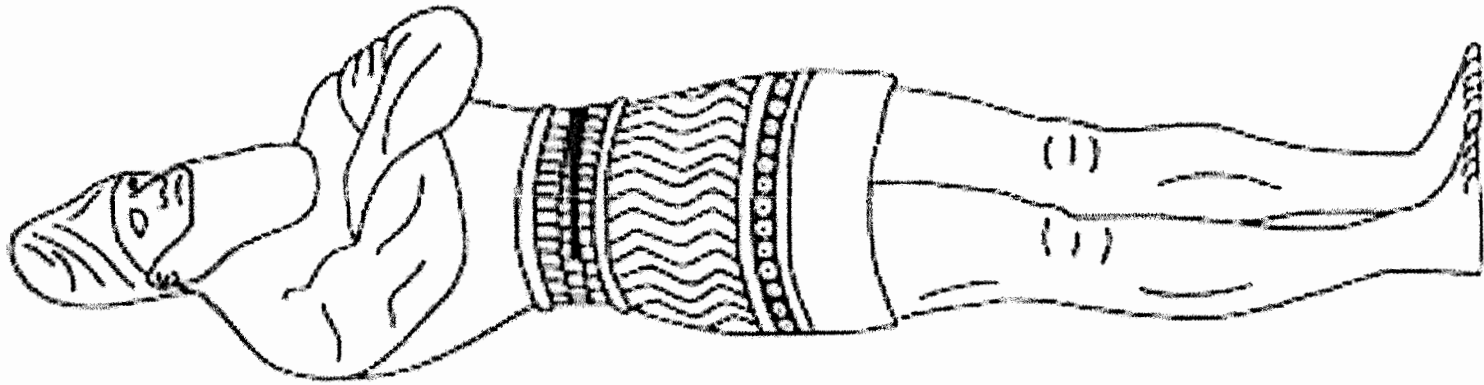
(1 Samuel 6:10-12)



- They put the ark of the Lord on the cart along with the guilt offering
- And the cart went from Ekron to Beth-Shemesh,

which means
House of the
Sun





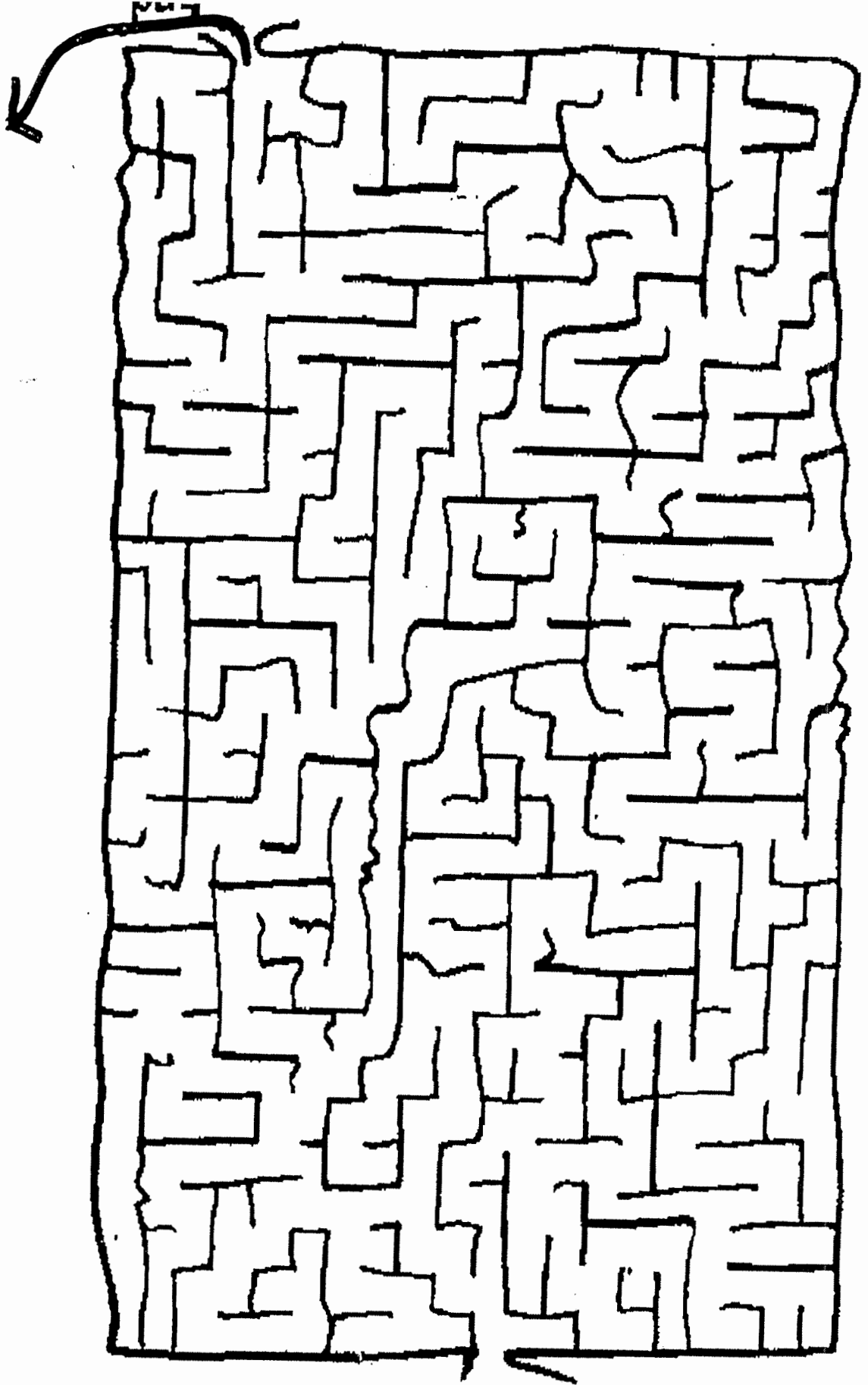
REPRESENTATIONS OF DAGON, THE FISH-GOD.

Dagon, a god of the Philistines, falls on its face before the Ark of the Lord

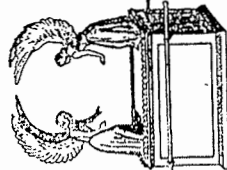


Help the Ark get back from the Philistines to Kirjath Jearim!!

Kirjath Jearim



Start



Ark is Returned to Israel

1 Samuel 7:1, 2

Then the men of Kirjath- Jearim came and took the ark of the Lord, and brought it into the house of Abinadab on the hill, and consecrated Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the Lord. So it was that the ark remained in Kirjath Jearim a long time; it was there twenty years. And all the house of Israel lamented after the Lord.



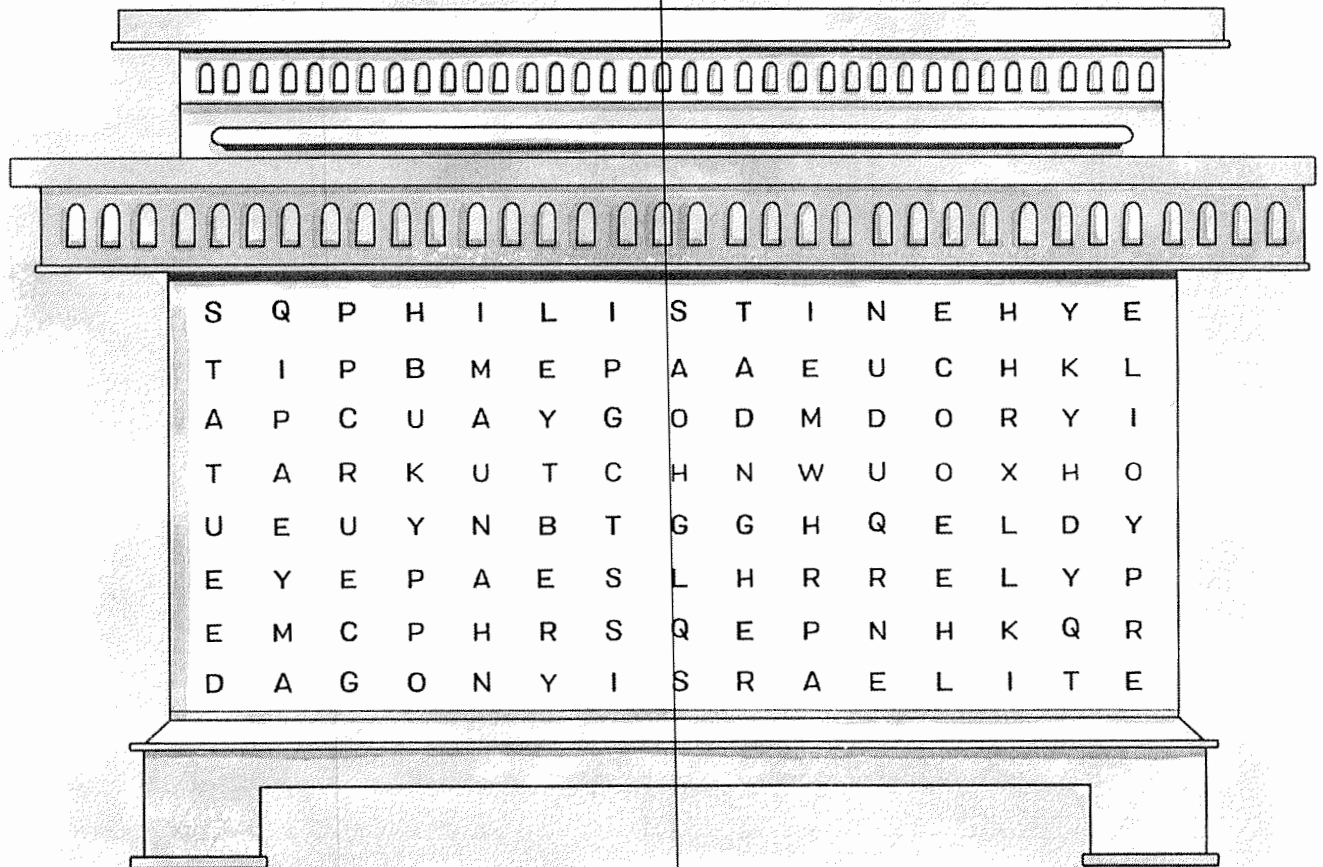
The Return of the Ark

1 SAMUEL 6

ELI ARK GOD BATTLE SAMUEL

PHILISTINE SICKNESS ISRAELITE

DAGON STATUE



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Ark of the covenant

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Cart	Calves	Mice	Tumors
Israel	Ekron	Dagon	Shiloh
Joshua	Elders	Seven	Moses
Poles	Rings	Four	Gold
Acacia	Bible	Ark	Tabernacle

The Ark is Returned to Israel!!

Answer the questions:

1. Why did the Philistines want to capture the Ark?
2. After it's capture, what city did the Philistines take the Ark?
3. What was the name of the idol they sat the Ark next to and what happened when they put it there?
4. What happened to the Philistines as a result of taking the Ark?
5. How long was the Ark in the territory of the Philistines?
6. What was the offering they put in the Ark because of their guilt?
7. What did they Israelites do with the cart/cows that carried the Ark?
8. How many men died for looking into the Ark and at its contents?

