1 Fall 2023/Spring 2024 Bible Study Rev. Dr. Chris Ascher 2 What genre is/are "1 and 2 Samuel"? 3 Read 1 Samuel 4:1-10 • How is 4:1 different than 3:1? What does this indicate? What does Acts 3:24 say? • Who are the Philistines? (1-2) What happens with them? • Does Israel win or lose? (3) What do they ask? • How hard did they look for an answer? • What conclusion did they make? What is the problem with it? • Who carried the ark? (4) How does Israel respond? (5) • How do the Philistines respond? (6-9) What does this tell you about the God of Israel? • What was the outcome this time? (10-11) 4 Read 1 Samuel 4:12-22 • One messenger runs 18 miles to give news to the town. How is he dressed? What is their response? • What is Eli doing during the battle? What does that seem to indicate? (13) • Can he see the messengers appearance? What does he ask? (14-16) • What news does Eli receive? (17) • What happens to Eli? (18) What news is he responding to? • What happens to Phinehas' wife? (19) • What is the baby named? (21) Why? • What does it mean that the "Glory of the LORD has departed?" • How is this connected with the ark of the covenant? 5 Read 1 Samuel 5:1-12 • What do the Philistines do with the Ark? (1-2) What might this mean? • What happens to Dagon? (3) What do the people do? • What happens the second time. (4) • What happens to the people in Ashdod? (6) How do the people respond? (7-8) • What happens there? (9) and what do they do? • What happens there? (10) What do they then do? (11-12) • What does this show about YHWH (The LORD) and His Glory? 6 Read 1 Samuel 6:1-21 • What do the Philistines eventually do with the ark? Why? (1-5) • What wisdom do they come up with? (6-9) • What was the result? (12) • What did the people of Beth-Shemesh do first? (13-16)

• Then what did they find? (17-18)

• How did they respond? (20-21)

• What happened to the people of Beth-Shemesh? Why? (19)

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7 Read 1 Samuel 7:1-21

- What do the people of Kiriath-Jearim do? (1-2)
- What message does Samuel give? Why? (3-4)
- How do they respond? (5-6)
- How do the Philistines take it? (7)
- What does Samuel do? (8-9) What significance is that?
- What happens in the battle? (10-11)
- How does Samuel respond? (12)
 - What hymn does this remind you of?
- What do we learn of the war with the Philistines under Samuel? (13-14)
- The remaining verses summarize Samuel's "judging" (15) What is unique about his judging compared to other judges? (16-17)