

8. After this happens, Samuel one day is called by the Lord and the Lord reveals the truth to him.
  - i. The Lord says to him, "Now I am going to do something in Israel that will cause Israel's ear to tingle. It is going to be a horrible thing. And when I do that particular thing, both of the sons of Eli are going to be killed at that time."
  - ii. And he not only told Samuel that, but he told the predictions he had made concerning Eli.
9. Samuel told these things reluctantly to Eli and Eli says, "May the Lord's will be done."
10. Then <sup>this</sup> ~~the~~ thing that the Lord says <sup>which</sup> was going to cause Israel's ears to tingle actually happens:
  - i. The Philistines came up to go to war against the Israelites.
    - a. They came up to Aphek.
  - ii. When they went to battle, they defeated the Israelites and 4,000 Israelites were killed.
  - iii. The Israelites couldn't understand how they were defeated.
  - iv. And so one of them got a brilliant idea that spread like wildfire.
    - a. He said, "Let's go to Shiloh and get the ark of the Lord. <sup>maybe</sup> ~~may~~ we were defeated because ~~we~~ didn't have the ark of the Lord."
    - b. ~~So~~ they go to Shiloh and get the ark of the Lord.
  - v. They think that now that they have the ark of the Lord they are sure to be victorious.
  - vi. The Philistines attack again, defeat the Israelites, some 30,000 Israelites are killed among whom are Hophni and Phinehas, and the ark of the Lord is captured by the Philistines.
11. The Philistines took the ark of the Lord over to Ashdod.
  - i. In Ashdod was the temple of Dagon.
  - ii. They did a very foolish thing there.
  - iii. They took the ark of the Lord and put it in the temple of Dagon.
  - iv. When they got up the next morning, Dagon had fallen on the ground before the ark of the Lord and so they pushed Dagon back up.
  - v. They come the next day and he's down again and his head and hands are broken off.
  - vi. That is showing the supremacy of the Lord over the Philistine god.
  - vii. Not only did that happen, but the people in Ashdod start to get tumors and start to die.
    - a. They said, "We have got to get this ark out here."