

12. So they move the ark out of Ashdod and put it into Gath.
 - i. When it came to Gath, all the people in Gath started to get tumors and started to die.
 - ii. They said, "Get the ark out of here."
13. They took the ark from Gath down to Ekron.
 - i. The same things happens again.
 - ii. Finally the rulers of the Philistines say, "We've got to send the ark back."
 - iii. The diviners said, "What you are to do is to send the ark back to the *Israelites* ~~Philistines~~. Put it on a cart. Have it drawn by cows."
 - iv. Here it is at Ekron.
 - v. We have Bethshemesh.
 - vi. They said, "Now we'll take the ark and put it in this cart drawn by the cows. And we'll send a guilt offering along with gold as well to pacify the God of the Israelites."
 - vii. The ~~Israelites~~ ^{diviners} said, "No body is going to drive this ark. But if the cows leave here and they go straight from Ekron to Bethshemesh, then all of you, Philistines, will know that all this happened to you because the God of Israel caused it to happen. But if they go another way, then we'll know all this happened by chance."
14. So they ~~put~~ the ark is sent off and the cows go right to Bethshemesh and all the Philistines knew that the God of Israel had brought upon them all the things the Israelites experienced.
15. The Philistines had possession of the ark for about 7 months.
16. When the ark gets to Bethshemesh, the Israelites are glad to have it back.
 - i. They take the wood of the cart and use it to build a fire.
 - ii. They take the cows and offer them up as a burnt offering to the Lord.
 - iii. And everything seemed find, but 70 people got curious about the ark and wanted to see inside.
 - iv. They looked in to the ark and 70 of them were killed.
17. So the ark was moved from Bethshemesh to Kirjathjearim.
 - i. It was put in the house of Abinadab.
 - ii. It stayed there for 20 years.
18. When the ark was put there, the people of Israel mourned over their sin against the Lord.
 - i. So Samuel gets all the people together and tells them to meet at Mizpeh.
 - ii. The people meet there and confess their sin to the Lord.