

# **Phoolish Philistines**

**I Samuel 5-6**



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- **Telling the story:**
  - **Philistines have captured the ark of the covenant following their victory over Israel, that lead to the death of Eli and his two sons.**
  - **They take the ark as a spoil of war and place it in the temple of Dagon in Ashdod.**
  - **Some strange things begin to happen while the ark is there.**



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- **Telling the story:**
  - The men of the land are struck with tumors and a plague of mice terribly affects the area.
  - The Ark was moved from town to town in the land of the Philistines; but, the people were in a deadly panic and so sought to return the Ark to the land of Israel



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- *They saw that their god Dagon was..... when in the presence of the God of Israel.*
- **Demeaned/Insulted**
  - I Sam. 5:3
- **Destroyed/Injured**
  - I Sam. 5:4
- **Deficient/Inferior- I Sam. 5:7; 6:5**



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- *They ..... the God of Israel*
- **Recognized- I Sam. 5:7**
- **Responded to - “What shall we do?”**
- **Returned the ark with a gift.- I Sam. 6:3-4,  
They sent a guilt offering.**
- **Respected- “Gave glory to the God of  
Israel.”- I Sam. 6:5**



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- Yet, they still opted to worship Dagon.
- When are we ever going to let go of the things in this world that are inferior to God.
  - Things that we put on a pedestal.
  - Things that we prioritize.
- When will we ever learn that our God is A God who Reigns and is deserving of our allegiance?