

Chapter 7

The Arke is brought to the houfe of Abinadab in Gabaa. 3. By Samuels exhortation, the people caft away the idols and ferue only God. 10. Samuel offering facrifice and praying, Ifrael preuaileth againft the Philifthijms.

Therfore the men of Caria Thiarim came, and ^{a)}brought backe the arke of our Lord, and caried it into the houfe of Abinadab in Gabaa: And Eleazar his fonne they fanctified, that he might keepe the arke of our Lord. ² And it came to paffe, from the day that the arke of our Lord abode in Caria Thiarim the dayes were multiplied (for it was now the twentieth year) and al the houfe of Ifrael refted after our Lord. ³ And Samuel fpake to al the houfe of Ifrael, faying: If you turne to our Lord in al your hart, take away the ftrange goddes out of the middes of you, Baalim, and Aftaroth: and prepare your hartes to our Lord, and ferue him only, and he wil deliuer you from the hand of the Philifthijms. ⁴ Therefore the children of Ifrael tooke away Baalim and Aftaroth, and ferued our Lord only. ⁵ And Samuel fayd: Gather together al Ifrael into Mafphath, that I may pray our Lord for you. ⁶ And they affembled into Mafphath: and they drew water, and powred it out in the fight of our Lord, and they fafted that day, and fayd there: We haue finned to our Lord. And Samuel iudged the children of Ifrael in Mafphath. ⁷ And the Philifthijms heard that the children of Ifrael were gathered together into Mafphath, and the princes of the Philifthijms went vp to Ifrael. Which when the children of Ifrael had heard, they were afrayde at the face of the Philifthijms. ⁸ And they faid to Samuel: Ceafe not to crie to our Lord God for vs, that he faue vs from the hand of the Philifthims. ⁹ And Samuel tooke one sucking lambe, and offered it a whole holocaufte to our Lord:

^a Thefe men knowing that the prefence of the arke was good for them (though the Bethfamites had benne punifhed for their irreuerence towards it) feared not to receiue and kepe it.

and Samuel cried to our Lord for Ifrael, and our Lord heard him. ¹⁰ And it came to paffe, when Samuel offered the holocauste, the Philifthijms beganne battel againft Ifrael: but our Lord thundered with a great noife in that day vpon the Philifthijms, and terrified them, and they were flaine before the face of Ifrael. ¹¹ And the men of Ifrael iffuing out of Mafphath purfued the Philifthijms, and ftroke them vnto the place, that was vnder Bethcar. ¹² And Samuel tooke one ftone, and layd it between Mafphath and Sen: and he called the name of that place, The ftone of helpe. And he fayd: Thus farre hath our Lord holpen vs. ¹³ And the Philiftijms were humbled, neither added they any more to come into the borders of Ifrael. Therefore the hand of our Lord was made vpon the Philiftijms, al the dayes of Samuel. ¹⁴ And the cities, which the Philiftijms had taken from Ifrael, were rendred to Ifrael, from Accaron vnto Geth, and their borders: and he deliuered Ifrael from the hand of the Philiftijms, and there was peace between Ifrael and the ^aAmorrheite. ¹⁵ Samuel alfo iudged Ifrael al the daies of his life: ¹⁶ and he went euerie yeare circuiting Bethel and Galgala and Mafphath, and iudged Ifrael in the forefaid places. ¹⁷ And he returned into Ramatha: for there was his houfe, and there he iudged Ifrael: he built alfo there an altar to our Lord.

^a That is to fay, the Philifthijms, who were one of the feuen nations of Chanaan, which God commanded his people to deftroy, cōmonly called the Amorrheites.