

**2026 Week 2  
Bible Reading Plan  
1 Samuel**

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Week 2 included a lot of information in the five chapters we covered. Our review will cover a couple of questions for each chapter and then a question to personally reflect on.

**1 Samuel 4**

1. Why did the Israelites bring the Ark of the Covenant into battle against the Philistines, and what was the result?
2. How did Eli react when he heard about the capture of the Ark?
3. Reflective: Can you recall a time when you sought God's help mainly to "fix" a problem, rather than truly seeking Him? What did you learn from that experience?

**1 Samuel 5**

1. What happened to the idol Dagon when the Ark was placed in its temple?
2. How did God demonstrate His power and holiness among the Philistines and their cities?
3. Reflective: Where in life do we sometimes "set up idols" that cannot stand before God? What might God be calling you to surrender?

## 1 Samuel 6

1. How did the Philistines confirm that their plagues were caused by the God of Israel before returning the Ark?
2. What mistake did the people of Beth-shemesh make when the Ark returned, and what was the consequence?
3. Reflective: After witnessing God's power, the people of Beth-shemesh responded with fear. How do you respond when confronted with God's holiness—do you draw near or pull away?

## 1 Samuel 7

1. What steps did Samuel lead Israel to take for spiritual renewal at Mizpah?
2. In what ways did God help Israel in their conflict with the Philistines after their repentance?
3. Reflective: Samuel set up a stone called Ebenezer as a reminder of God's help. What could serve as an "Ebenezer" in your own life to remind you of God's faithfulness?

## 1 Samuel 8

1. What were the people's reasons for asking Samuel to appoint a king, and how did Samuel react?
2. What warning did God give Israel about what having a king would mean for them?
3. Reflective: Are there ways you're tempted to conform to the world's ideas of security or leadership, rather than trusting God as your King?