

# 1—The Ark of God

“Tales of the Lost Tribes”

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1 Samuel 4-7

## 1. The Northern Story (Ark of God)

- A. Israel is defeated by the Philistines (4:1)
- B. They bring the *Ark of God* (Elohim) to the camp (4)
- C. The Israelites raise up a loud shout of *Teruah* (5)
- D. Philistines are *afraid* of a God in the camp (6)
- E. They beat the Israelites and steal the Ark (10)
- F. They take it to Ashdod and Dagon their god falls (5:1)
- G. They take it to Ekron and Gath and bad things happen (7,10)
- H. They finally return it to Israel (11)

## 2. The Southern Story (Ark of Yahweh)

- A. Eli's sons, the *priests* of Shiloh, are killed in battle (4:11)
- B. A man from Benjamin bring the news to Shiloh (12)
- C. When Eli hears about the Ark he dies (18)
- D. Eli's daughter in law names her son *Ichabod* “no glory” (21)
- E. Philistines put the ark on a cart with two new cows (6:7)
- F. They bring the Ark to *Beth Shemesh* and they rejoice (13)
- G. Several die at Beth Shemesh for looking into the Ark (19)
- H. They send it to *Kiriath Jearim* to a house on a hill (7:1)
- I. David later brings the Ark to Jerusalem (2 Sam 6)

## 3. The Priestly Story (The Ark of the Covenant)

- A. The *Covenant* is the promise to the post-exiles (Exod 25:16)
- B. God afflicts the Philistines with *tumors* (like Egypt) (5:6)
- C. The Ark stays in Philistine territory *seven* months (6:1)
- D. The priests recommend returning it with a *guilt offering* (3)
- E. The *Levites* set the Ark on a large rock (15)
- F. *Seventy* die at Beth Shemesh for looking into the Ark (19)
- G. The Ark remains at Kiriath Jearim *twenty* years (7:2)