

Chapter 7

The Sacred Chest was taken from the town
of Beth-shemesh to the town of Kiriath-jearim,
to the house of Abinadab,
whose son Eleazar was consecrated to guard the Chest.
After 20 more years,
the Israelites again longed for freedom from the Philistines.
Samuel gathered all the Israelites at Mizpah,
where after prayer,
battle was joined with the Philistines who were defeated.
The Philistines no longer came into Israelite territory.
Samuel was judge over all Israel for the rest of his life.
During Samuel's time
the Philistines no longer troubled Israel.
There was peace also between Israel and the Amorites.
Each year Samuel went on circuit around the country
to judge cases of law.
He would then return to his home town of Ramah
and continue his work as a judge from there.

Dear God, please give the world more leaders like Samuel

Chapter 8

When Samuel grew old,
the people asked him to find someone to be their king.
Samuel was not happy that the people asked for a king.
Samuel also warned the people that
a king would impose taxes and have many rights over them.
But the people insisted on having a king.
The Lord then told Samuel to give the people a king.

Dear God, you are our only true King