

Questions for 1 Samuel 7:1-17

1. A) Who are Abinadab and Eleazar and why did they keep the ark of the covenant? B) What is the difference between “lamenting after the Lord” and what Samuel instructed them to do? C) What made the Baals and Ashtoreths particular despicable as false gods? (Verses 1-4)

2. A) Where is Mizpah? B) Why did they pour out water before the Lord? C) What was the purpose of this gathering if the people had already repented? (Verses 5-6)

3. A) Why would the Philistines be concerned about this gathering of Israel? B) Why did Israel want Samuel to cry out to the Lord on their behalf? Couldn't they have just done it for themselves? C) What does Samuel do? (Verses 7-9)

4. A) What kind of thunder confuses a whole army? B) Where is Beth Car? C) What is the significance of the stone that Samuel set up? D) Describe the aftermath of this battle. (Verses 10-14)

5. A) Why would Samuel choose these cities for his circuit to judge Israel? B) What was special about Ramah? C) Why did Samuel build an altar there and what might this tell us about the state of the Tabernacle? (Verses 15-17)