

GOD THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGE:
THE SACRILEGE OF BETH-SHEMESH
(1 Samuel 6:13-7:1)

- I. A _____ Protocol (1 Sam. 6:13-18)
- A. The _____ (6:13a)
1. Time—_____ harvest in _____
 2. City—Levitical city assigned to _____ (Josh. 21:13-16)
 3. People—_____ clan responsible for _____ for the _____ (Num. 4:1-4, 15)
 - a. Knew regulations for _____
 - b. Knew regulations for _____
- B. The _____ (6:13b-14a)
1. Two _____ walked in pulling a _____ with the _____
 2. People saw it and _____
 3. Cows _____ beside a great _____ at the border
- C. The _____ (6:14b-18)
1. God said only _____ animals could be used for burnt offerings (Lev. 1:3ff), but they sacrificed the two _____
 2. God said _____ outside the Aaronic priesthood could _____ the Ark (Num. 4:5-6; cf. Gen. 9:23), but they _____ on the stone

3. God said they were to have no _____ (Ex. 20:4), but they displayed the golden _____ and _____ with the Ark (6:4, 15)
4. God said no one was to _____ the Ark (Num. 4:15), but they _____ (6:19)

II. A _____ Potentate (1 Sam. 6:19)

- A. God judged them for _____ the _____
- B. God killed _____ of the men of Beth-shemesh
 1. Huge number, attested by _____ ancient Hebrew text and translation
 2. Some modern translations _____ the 50,000, saying only _____ died
 - a. Cite _____, a First-century Jewish historian
 - b. Assume there were _____ so many men in Beth-shemesh
 3. Best to _____ the biblical text
 - a. If 30,000 dead (4:10) was a “_____” (4:17), 70 dead would hardly qualify as the _____ (6:19)
 - b. If the _____ killed 30,000 and _____ killed 70, Israel would be likely to fear the _____ more than _____

III. A _____ Priesthood (1 Sam. 6:20-7:1)

- A. Cried out for _____ from _____
 1. Blamed _____ for the deaths, not themselves
 2. Wanted God to _____
- B. Convinced the _____ of Kiriath-jearim to take the _____ (cf. Josh. 9-10)
 1. Put it in a _____

2. Posted a _____ : Eleazar

IV. Lessons

A. We must interpret _____ in the light of

B. _____ is more to be feared than our _____

C. God expects _____ from His own people
than He expects of others

D. _____ we worship _____