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(20) And about the time of her death the women that stood by her said unto her, Fear not; for thou hast born a son. But she answered not, neither did she regard *it*.

(21) And she named the child Ichabod, saying, The glory is departed from Israel: because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father in law and her husband.

(22) And she said, The glory is departed from Israel: for the ark of God is taken.

**Chapter 5**

(1) And the Philistines took the ark of God, and brought it from Ebenezer unto Ashdod.

(2) When the Philistines took the ark of God, they brought it into the house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon.

(3) And when they of Ashdod arose early on the morrow, behold, Dagon *was* fallen upon his face to the earth before the ark of the LORD. And they took Dagon, and set him in his place again.

(4) And when they arose early on the morrow morning, behold, Dagon *was* fallen upon his face to the ground before the ark of the LORD; and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands *were* cut off upon the threshold; only *the stump of* Dagon was left to him.

(5) Therefore neither the priests of Dagon, nor any that come into Dagon's house, tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod unto this day.

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(20) And about the time of her death the women who stood by her said to her, Do not be afraid; because you have given birth to a son. But she did not answer, neither did she regard *it*.

(21) And she named the child Ichabod {glory has departed}<sup>c</sup>, saying, The glory has departed from Israel: because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father-in-law and her husband.

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(3) And when those of Ashdod arose early in the morning, Dagon {the idol} *had* fallen upon his face to the earth before the ark of the LORD {Jehovah}. And they took Dagon, and set him in his place again.

(4) And when they arose early on the next morning, Dagon *had* fallen upon his face to the ground before the ark of the LORD {Jehovah} again; and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands *were* broke off upon the threshold; only *the stump of* Dagon was left.

(5) Therefore neither the priests of Dagon, nor any who come into Dagon's house, tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod to this day.

4:21c - Ichabod { אִי כְבוֹד } - glory has departed

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(6) But the hand of the LORD was heavy upon them of Ashdod, and he destroyed them, and smote them with emerods, *even* Ashdod and the coasts thereof.

(7) And when the men of Ashdod saw that *it was* so, they said, The ark of the God of Israel shall not abide with us: for his hand is sore upon us, and upon Dagon our god.

(8) They sent therefore and gathered all the lords of the Philistines unto them, and said, What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel? And they answered, Let the ark of the God of Israel be carried about unto Gath. And they carried the ark of the God of Israel about *thither*.

(9) And it was *so*, that, after they had carried it about, the hand of the LORD was against the city with a very great destruction: and he smote the men of the city, both small and great, and they had emerods in their secret parts.

(10) Therefore they sent the ark of God to Ekron. And it came to pass, as the ark of God came to Ekron, that the Ekronites cried out, saying, They have brought about the ark of the God of Israel to us, to slay us and our people.

(11) So they sent and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines, and said, Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it go again to his own place, that it slay us not, and our people: for there was a deadly destruction throughout all the city; the hand of God was very heavy there.

(12) And the men that died not were smitten with the emerods: and the cry of the city went up to heaven.

(6) But the hand of the LORD {Jehovah} was heavy upon those of Ashdod, and He destroyed them, and struck them with tumors, *even* Ashdod and its coasts.

(7) And when the men of Ashdod realized what was happening, they said, The ark of the God of Israel shall not stay with us: because His hand is great upon us, and upon Dagon our god.

(8) They therefore sent and gathered all the lords of the Philistines to themselves, and said, What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel? And they answered, Let the ark of the God of Israel be carried to Gath. And they carried the ark of the God of Israel *there*.

(9) And it came about, that, after they had carried it, the hand of the LORD {Jehovah} was against the city with a very great destruction: and He struck the men of the city, both small and great, and they had tumors in their private parts.

(10) Therefore they sent the ark of God to Ekron. And it came to pass, as the ark of God came to Ekron, that the Ekronites cried out, saying, They have brought about the ark of the God of Israel to us, to kill us and our people.

(11) So they sent and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines, and said, Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it go again to its own place, that it not kill us, and our people: because there was a deadly destruction throughout all the city; the hand of God was very heavy there.

(12) And the men who did not die were stricken with the tumors: and the cry of the city went up to heaven.

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**Chapter 6**

(1) And the ark of the LORD was in the country of the Philistines seven months.  
(2) And the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners, saying, What shall we do to the ark of the LORD? tell us wherewith we shall send it to his place.  
(3) And they said, If ye send away the ark of the God of Israel, send it not empty; but in any wise return him a trespass offering: then ye shall be healed, and it shall be known to you why his hand is not removed from you.  
(4) Then said they, What *shall be* the trespass offering which we shall return to him? They answered, Five golden emerods, and five golden mice, *according to* the number of the lords of the Philistines: for one plague *was* on you all, and on your lords.  
(5) Wherefore ye shall make images of your emerods, and images of your mice that mar the land; and ye shall give glory unto the God of Israel: peradventure he will lighten his hand from off you, and from off your gods, and from off your land.  
(6) Wherefore then do ye harden your hearts, as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? when he had wrought wonderfully among them, did they not let the people go, and they departed?  
(7) Now therefore make a new cart, and take two milch kine, on which there hath come no yoke, and tie the kine to the cart, and bring their calves home from them:

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(1) And the ark of the LORD {Jehovah} was in the country of the Philistines seven months.  
(2) And the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners, saying, What shall we do to the ark of the LORD {Jehovah}? tell us how we shall send it to its place.  
(3) And they said, If you send away the ark of the God of Israel, do not send it empty; but return to Him a sin offering: then you shall be healed, and it shall be known to you why His hand is not removed from you.  
(4) Then they said, What *shall be* the sin offering which we shall return to Him? They answered, Five<sup>a</sup> golden tumors, and five golden mice, *according to* the number of the lords of the Philistines: because one plague *was* on you all, and on your lords.  
(5) Therefore you shall make images of your tumors, and images of your mice that mar the land; and you shall give glory to the God of Israel: perhaps He will lighten His hand from off you, and from off your gods, and from off your land.  
(6) Why then do you harden your hearts, as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? when He had done wonderfully among them, they did not let the people go, and they departed?  
(7) Now therefore make a new cart, and take two milk cows, on which there has never come a yoke, and tie the cows to the cart, and bring their calves home from them:

6:4a - five - the number for grace throughout scripture – see “Use of Numbers in Scripture” at [www.TheWordNotes.com](http://www.TheWordNotes.com)

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(8) And take the ark of the LORD, and lay it upon the cart; and put the jewels of gold, which ye return him *for* a trespass offering, in a coffer by the side thereof; and send it away, that it may go.

(9) And see, if it goeth up by the way of his own coast to Bethshemesh, *then* he hath done us this great evil: but if not, then we shall know that *it is* not his hand *that* smote us: it *was* a chance *that* happened to us.

(10) And the men did so; and took two milch kine, and tied them to the cart, and shut up their calves at home:

(11) And they laid the ark of the LORD upon the cart, and the coffer with the mice of gold and the images of their emerods.

(12) And the kine took the straight way to the way of Bethshemesh, *and* went along the highway, lowing as they went, and turned not aside *to* the right hand or *to* the left; and the lords of the Philistines went after them unto the border of Bethshemesh.

(13) And *they of* Bethshemesh *were* reaping their wheat harvest in the valley: and they lifted up their eyes, and saw the ark, and rejoiced to see *it*.

(14) And the cart came into the field of Joshua, a Bethshemite, and stood there, where *there was* a great stone: and they clave the wood of the cart, and offered the kine a burnt offering unto the LORD.

(8) And take the ark of the LORD {Jehovah}, and lay it upon the cart; and put the jewels of gold, which you return to Him *for* a sin offering, in a box by its side; and send it away, that it may go.

(9) And watch, if it goes up by the way of its own coast to Bethshemesh, *then* He has done this great evil to us: but if not, then we shall know that *it is* not His hand *that* struck us: it *was* just by chance *that* it happened to us.

(10) And the men did so; and took two milk cows, and tied them to the cart, and shut up their calves at home:

(11) And they laid the ark of the LORD {Jehovah} upon the cart, and the box with the mice of gold and the images of their tumors.

(12) And the cows took the straight way to the way of Bethshemesh, *and* went along the highway, lowing as they went, and did not turn aside *to* the right hand or *to* the left; and the lords of the Philistines followed after them to the border of Bethshemesh.

(13) And *those of* Bethshemesh *were* reaping their wheat harvest in the valley: and they lifted up their eyes, and saw the ark, and rejoiced to see *it*.

(14) And the cart came into the field of Joshua, a Bethshemite, and stood there, where *there was* a great stone: and they split the wood of the cart, and offered the cows as a burnt offering to the LORD {Jehovah}.

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(15) And the Levites took down the ark of the LORD, and the coffer that *was* with it, wherein the jewels of gold *were*, and put *them* on the great stone: and the men of Bethshemesh offered burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices the same day unto the LORD.

(16) And when the five lords of the Philistines had seen *it*, they returned to Ekron the same day.

(17) And these *are* the golden emerods which the Philistines returned *for* a trespass offering unto the LORD; for Ashdod one, for Gaza one, for Askelon one, for Gath one, for Ekron one;

(18) And the golden mice, *according to* the number of all the cities of the Philistines *belonging* to the five lords, *both* of fenced cities, and of country villages, even unto the great *stone of* Abel, whereon they set down the ark of the LORD: *which stone remaineth* unto this day in the field of Joshua, the Bethshemite.

(19) And he smote the men of Bethshemesh, because they had looked into the ark of the LORD, even he smote of the people fifty thousand and threescore and ten men: and the people lamented, because the LORD had smitten *many* of the people with a great slaughter.

(20) And the men of Bethshemesh said, Who is able to stand before this holy LORD God? and to whom shall he go up from us?

(15) And the Levites took down the ark of the LORD {Jehovah}, and the box that *was* with it, in which the jewels of gold *were*, and put *them* on the great stone: and the men of Bethshemesh offered burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices the same day to the LORD {Jehovah}.

(16) And when the five lords of the Philistines had seen *it*, they returned to Ekron the same day.

(17) And these *are* the golden tumors which the Philistines returned *for* a sin offering to the LORD {Jehovah}; one for Ashdod, one for Gaza, one for Askelon, one for Gath, one for Ekron;

(18) And the golden mice, *according to* the number of all the cities of the Philistines *belonging* to the five lords, *both* of fenced cities, and of country villages, even to the great *stone of* Abel, on which they set down the ark of the LORD {Jehovah}: *stone which remains* to this day in the field of Joshua, the Bethshemite.

(19) And He struck the men of Bethshemesh, because they had looked into the ark of the LORD {Jehovah}, He struck of the people fifty thousand and seventy men {50,070}: and the people cried out, because the LORD {Jehovah} had stricken *many* of the people with a great slaughter.

(20) And the men of Bethshemesh said, Who is able to stand before this holy LORD {Jehovah} God? and to whom shall He go up from us?