

Priest of Dagon Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

Did the priest of Dagon have reason for national pride?

Was it natural for him to attribute Philistine success to their god Dagon?

Is it anything like “root for the home team” or sports superstitions?

Did the priest of Dagon understand the nature of the LORD God of Israel?

What was the framework against which he evaluated gods?

How could he give credit to Dagon for victories but fail to give blame for the defeats of his people and the curse that seemed to accompany possession of the Ark?

What were the means he and his colleagues came up with to get rid of the curse?

Why was he anxious to suppress information about the toppling of the image of Dagon?

How does the LORD God of Israel distinguish himself from the gods of the nations?

Was the priest of Dagon likely to be convinced by any evidence that the God of Israel was superior to Dagon?

The LORD arranged a face-to-face conflict between Elijah and the priests of Baal. Why does he not do that all the time?

Besides evidence, what is necessary in a person’s heart for that person becoming able to see the truth?