

1 Chronicles 13:1-14 **David's attempt to bring the Ark of God on a new cart failed**

The Ark Brought from Kirjath Jearim to the house of Obed-Edom (2 Samuel 6:1-11)

¹ Then David consulted with the captains of thousands and hundreds, and with every leader.

² And David said to all the assembly of Israel, "If it seems good to you, and if it is of Yahweh Eloheynu (the Lord our God), let us send out to our brethren everywhere who are left in all the land of Israel, and with them to the priests and Levites who are in their cities and their common-lands, that they may gather together to us; ³ and let us bring the ark of Eloheynu (our God) back to us, for we have not inquired at it since the days of Saul."

⁴ Then all the assembly said that they would do so, for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people.

⁵ So David gathered all Israel together, from Shihor in Egypt to as far as the entrance of Hamath, to bring the ark of Elohiym (God) from Kirjath Jearim.

⁶ And David and all Israel went up to Baalah, to Kirjath Jearim, which belonged to Judah, to bring up from there the ark Elohiym Yahweh (of God the Lord), who dwells between the cherubim, where His name is proclaimed.

⁷ So they carried the ark of Elohiym (God) on a new cart from the house of Abinadab, and Uzza and Ahio drove the cart.

⁸ Then David and all Israel played music before Elohiym (God) with all their might, with singing, on harps, on stringed instruments, on tambourines, on cymbals, and with trumpets.

⁹ And when they came to Chidon's threshing floor, Uzza put out his hand to hold the ark, for the oxen stumbled.

¹⁰ Then the anger of Yahweh (the Lord) was aroused against Uzza, and He struck him because he put his hand to the ark; and he died there before Elohiym (God).

¹¹ And David became angry because Yahweh (of the Lord's) outbreak against Uzza; therefore that place is called Perez Uzza to this day. ¹² David was afraid of Elohiym (God) that day, saying, "How can I bring the ark of Elohiym (God) to me?"

¹³ So David would not move the ark with him into the City of David, but took it aside into the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite.

¹⁴ The ark of Elohiym (God) remained with the family of Obed-Edom in his house three months. And Yahweh (the Lord) blessed the house of Obed-Edom and all that he had.

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Facts Revealed:

- ✧ David was a man after the very heart of God because of his steadfast zeal for Yahweh. [[1 Samuel 13:14](#)]
- ✧ Yahweh had given specific instructions for transporting the Ark. [[Exodus 25:14](#), [Numbers 7:9](#)]
- ✧ The Holy Furniture was to be carried by its poles on the shoulders of the Levites sons of Kohath. [[Numbers 7:9](#)]
- ✧ David desiring to spare the men the burden of carrying the Ark on their shoulders thought to honor God by transporting the Ark on a new cart.
- ✧ When the idea was presented to the Priests and Levites they offered no instruction to the contrary but went along with the idea as did all the people.
- ✧ They all went to the house of Abinadab in Kirjath Jearim to bring the Ark to Jerusalem.

- ✧ They put the Ark on a new cart with no one voicing any objection.
- ✧ They were all focused on moving the Ark instead of considering how it was to be transported.
- ✧ David and all the people were dancing, singing, and rejoicing before Yahweh with all their might with musical instruments.
- ✧ Uzza and Ahio sons of Abinadab were driving the cart.
- ✧ Abinadab must have been a Priest or Levite to be entrusted with the Ark.
- ✧ The Ark had been in the house of Abinadab for twenty years after it was returned by the Philistines who returned it because of the plagues that attacked them in every city where they took it after capturing it from the sons of Eli the priest.
- ✧ Yahweh killed Uzza when he reached out his hand to steady the Ark when the Oxen stumbled.
- ✧ This filled David with anger and fear so he was afraid of Elohiym that day and he asked how he could bring the Ark of Elohiym to him at Jerusalem. So he took it to the house of Obed Edom the Gittite where it stayed for three months and Yahweh blessed the house of Obed Edom and all he had..
- ✧ Obed Edom is named among the Levite singers and gate keepers appointed by David. [[1 Chronicles 15:18](#)]