

1 Chronicles 15:1-29 **The Ark of the Covenant Properly Brought to City of David**

The Ark Brought to Jerusalem (2 Samuel 6:12-16)

¹ David built houses for himself in the City of David; and he prepared a place for the ark of Elohiym (God), and pitched a tent for it.

² Then David said, "No one may carry the ark of Elohiym (God) but the Levites, for Yahweh (the Lord) has chosen them to carry the ark of Yahweh (God) and to minister before Him forever."

³ And David gathered all Israel together at Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of Yahweh (the Lord) to its place, which he had prepared for it.

⁴ Then David assembled the children of Aaron and the Levites: ⁵ of the sons of Kohath, Uriel the chief, and one hundred and twenty of his brethren; ⁶ of the sons of Merari, Asaiah the chief, and two hundred and twenty of his brethren; ⁷ of the sons of Gershon, Joel the chief, and one hundred and thirty of his brethren; ⁸ of the sons of Elizaphan, Shemaiah the chief, and two hundred of his brethren; ⁹ of the sons of Hebron, Eliel the chief, and eighty of his brethren; ¹⁰ of the sons of Uzziel, Amminadab the chief, and one hundred and twelve of his brethren.

¹¹ And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites: for Uriel, Asaiah, Joel, Shemaiah, Eliel, and Amminadab.

¹² He said to them, "You are the heads of the fathers' houses of the Levites; sanctify yourselves, you and your brethren, that you may bring up the ark of Yahweh Elohey Yisrael (the Lord God of Israel) to the place I have prepared for it. ¹³ For because you did not do it the first time, Yahweh Eloheynu (the Lord our God) broke out against us, because we did not consult Him about the proper order."

¹⁴ So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of Yahweh Elohey Yisrael (the Lord God of Israel).

¹⁵ And the children of the Levites bore the ark of Elohiym (God) on their shoulders, by its poles, as Moses had commanded according to the word of Yahweh (the Lord).

¹⁶ Then David spoke to the leaders of the Levites to appoint their brethren to be the singers accompanied by instruments of music, stringed instruments, harps, and cymbals, by raising the voice with resounding joy.

¹⁷ So the Levites appointed Heman the son of Joel; and of his brethren, Asaph the son of Berechiah; and of their brethren, the sons of Merari, Ethan the son of Kushaiah; ¹⁸ and with them their brethren of the second rank: Zechariah, Ben, Jaaziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattithiah, Elipheleh, Mikneiah, Obed-Edom, and Jeiel, the gatekeepers; ¹⁹ the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, were to sound the cymbals of bronze; ²⁰ Zechariah, Aziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with strings according to Alamoith; ²¹ Mattithiah, Elipheleh, Mikneiah, Obed-Edom, Jeiel, and Azaziah, to direct with harps on the Sheminith; ²² Chenaniah, leader of the Levites, was instructor in charge of the music, because he was skillful; ²³ Berechiah and Elkanah were doorkeepers for the ark; ²⁴ Shebaniah, Joshaphat, Nethanel, Amasai, Zechariah, Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, were to blow the trumpets before the ark of Elohiym (God); and Obed-Edom and Jehiah, doorkeepers for the ark.

²⁵ So David, the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands went to bring up the ark of the covenant of Yahweh (the Lord) from the house of Obed-Edom with joy.

²⁶ And so it was, when Elohiym (God) helped the Levites who bore the ark of the covenant of the

Lord, that they offered seven bulls and seven rams.

27 David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, as were all the Levites who bore the ark, the singers, and Chenaniah the music master with the singers. David also wore a linen ephod.

28 Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of Yahweh (the Lord) with shouting and with the sound of the horn, with trumpets and with cymbals, making music with stringed instruments and harps.

29 And it happened, as the ark of the covenant of Yahweh (the Lord) came to the City of David, that Michal, Saul's daughter, looked through a window and saw King David whirling and playing music; and she despised him in her heart.

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Facts Revealed:

The Ark Brought to Jerusalem according to the commandment of Yahweh (2 Samuel 6:12-16)

- ✧ David built houses for himself in the City of David, prepared a place the ark of Elohiym, and pitched a tent for it.
- ✧ After the death of Uzza who died for touching the ark to steady it when it was being transported on a cart, David was afraid to go on to the City of David and left the ark in the house of Obed-Edom a Levite.
- ✧ David saw how Yahweh blessed Obed-Edom and all he had. So he still wanted to bring the ark of Elohiym to the tent he had pitched for it, but this time it would be transported according to the commandment of Yahweh which required it to be carried by its poles on the shoulders of qualified Priests sons of Levi. [Exodus 25:14-15, Deuteronomy 10:8, 31:9, Joshua 3:2-3, 8-17, 1 Chronicles 15:14-15]
- ✧ David called all of Israel together at Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of Yahweh to its place which he had prepared for it.
- ✧ David assembled the children of Aaron and the Levites and commanded them to sanctify themselves so they could bring up the ark of Yahweh to the place he had prepared for it.
- ✧ David acknowledged that they had not follow Yahweh's commandment regarding transporting the ark the first time and it resulted in tragedy.
- ✧ The Priests and Levites sanctified themselves and they bore the ark of Elohiym on their shoulders by its poles as Moses had commanded according to the Word of Yahweh.
- ✧ Elohiym helped the Levites as they were following His commandment.
- ✧ David instructed the Levite leaders to appoint the Levites to their respective duties.
- ✧ They brought the ark of Yahweh to the City of David with great joy, rejoicing and fanfare.
- ✧ They offered to Yahweh, seven bulls and seven rams.
- ✧ When David's wife Michal, Saul's daughter saw David dancing and playing music, she despised him in her heart as being undignified for a king.