

## 2 Samuel 6:1-23 **Ark of the Covenant Brought to Jerusalem**

**David transported the Ark of The Covenant improperly** [1 Chronicles 13:1-14; 15:25-29, 16:1-3]

1 Again David gathered all the choice men of Israel, thirty thousand. 2 And David arose and went with all the people who were with him from Baale Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, whose name is called by the Name, the Lord of Hosts, who dwells between the cherubim.

3 So they set the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill; and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drove the new cart. 4 And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill, accompanying the ark of God; and Ahio went before the ark. 5 Then David and all the house of Israel played music before the Lord on all kinds of instruments of fir wood, on harps, on stringed instruments, on tambourines, on sistrums, and on cymbals.

**Uzzah touched the Ark and died**

6 And when they came to Nachon's threshing floor, Uzzah put out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled. 7 Then the anger of the Lord was aroused against Uzzah, and God struck him there for his error; and he died there by the ark of God. 8 And David became angry because of the Lord's outbreak against Uzzah; and he called the name of the place Perez Uzzah to this day.

**David learned to fear Yahweh – Ark of the Covenant sent to the house of Obed Edom for 3 months**

9 David was afraid of the Lord that day; and he said, "How can the ark of the Lord come to me?" 10 So David would not move the ark of the Lord with him into the City of David; but David took it aside into the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite.

11 The ark of the Lord remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite three months. And the Lord blessed Obed-Edom and all his household.

**David transported the Ark of Elohiym properly to Jerusalem**

12 Now it was told King David, saying, "The Lord has blessed the house of Obed-Edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God."

So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with gladness. 13 And so it was, when those bearing the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, that he sacrificed oxen and fatted sheep. 14 Then David danced before the Lord with all his might; and David was wearing a linen ephod. 15 So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet.

**Michal despised David's behavior before the Ark of Yahweh**

16 Now as the ark of the Lord came into the City of David, Michal, Saul's daughter, looked through a window and saw King David leaping and whirling before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart.

17 So they brought the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place in the midst of the tabernacle that David had erected for it. Then David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the Lord. 18 And when David had finished offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the

name of the Lord of hosts. <sup>19</sup> Then he distributed among all the people, among the whole multitude of Israel, both the women and the men, to everyone a loaf of bread, a piece of meat, and a cake of raisins. So all the people departed, everyone to his house.

<sup>20</sup> Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, "How glorious was the king of Israel today, uncovering himself today in the eyes of the maids of his servants, as one of the base fellows shamelessly uncovers himself!"

<sup>21</sup> So David said to Michal, "It was before the Lord, who chose me instead of your father and all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the Lord, over Israel. Therefore I will play music before the Lord. <sup>22</sup> And I will be even more undignified than this, and will be humble in my own sight. But as for the maidservants of whom you have spoken, by them I will be held in honor."

<sup>23</sup> Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no children to the day of her death.  
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Facts Revealed:

**David transported the Ark of The Covenant improperly** [2 Samuel 6:1-11]

[1 Chronicles 13:1-14; 15:25-29, 16:1-3]

- ✧ The Ark was to be carried by the Priests of the tribe of the Levites using the poles through the rings in its sides. [Exodus 25:10-14, 37:1-5, Deuteronomy 10:8, 31:9, Joshua 3:3, 17, 1 Chronicles 15:2]
- ✧ Again David gathered all the choice men of Israel, thirty thousand. And David arose and went with all the people who were with him from Baale Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, whose name is called by the Name, Yahweh Tsebaavot (the Lord of Hosts), who dwells between the cherubim. [2 Samuel 6:1-2]
- ✧ They set the Ark on a new ox drawn cart and David and all Israel played music on all kinds of instruments, leading a great worship service ahead of the Ark. [2 Samuel 6:3-5]
- ✧ This is an example of man's attempt to impress God and gain His approval their own way through their own form of worship.

**Uzzah touched the Ark and died** [2 Samuel 6:6-8]

- ✧ When the oxen stumbled, Uzzah reached out his hand to steady the Ark, and God struck him dead. [2 Samuel 6:5-8]
- ✧ Obedience to the commandments of God is far more important than a public performance of worship by man's way. God wants sacred things handled His way.
- ✧ Uzzah was the son of Abinadab the Priest. [2 Samuel 6:3]
- ✧ David called the place Perez Uzzah (Break or Breach of Uzzah) because of the Lord's outbreak against Uzzah. [2 Samuel 6:8]

**David learned to fear Yahweh – Ark of the Covenant sent to the house of Obed Edom for 3 months**

[2 Samuel 6:9-11]

- ✧ When David saw that a priest was killed by the Lord for such a seeming small infraction of the law, it put the fear of the Lord in the heart of David, so David took the ark to the house of Obed Edom the Gittite.
- ✧ A Gittite is a person from Gath. Gath was a Philistine city the home of Goliath of Gath. Some believe that Obed Edom was a Philistine who sided with David. Others believe that Obed Edom was a Levite from the Levitical city of Gath-Rimmon in the tribe of Dan.
- ✧ During the three months the Ark was in the house of Obed Edom the Gittite, the Lord blessed Obed-Edom and all his household.

**David transported the Ark of Elohiym properly to Jerusalem** [2 Samuel 6:12-15]

- ✧ When David heard that Obed Edom was being blessed because of the Ark, he was emboldened to once again desire to bring the Ark to the location David had prepared for it.
- ✧ However, David had learned his lesson, and this time he obeyed the Lord's instructions for transportation of the Ark.
- ✧ This time the Priests were carrying the Ark as prescribed by the Lord.
- ✧ David humbled himself and offered sacrifices of oxen and fatted sheep.
- ✧ David danced before the Lord with all his might wearing a linen ephod.
- ✧ David and all Israel brought up the Ark of Yehowah with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet.

**Michal despised David's behavior before the Ark of Yahweh** [2 Samuel 6:16-23]

- ✧ Michal, David's wife, daughter of Saul the first king of Israel had assumed the arrogant attitude of exalted royalty, and when she saw David dancing before the Lord, she despised him for it in her heart, it was not properly dignified.
- ✧ The Ark was brought to the Tabernacle David had prepared for it.
- ✧ David's heart was right in honor of the Lord.
- ✧ David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the Lord.
- ✧ David blessed the people in the name of Yahweh Tsebaavot (The Lord of Hosts).
- ✧ David gave a loaf of bread, a piece of meat, and a cake of raisins to everyone there.
- ✧ The people returned home.
- ✧ David returned home to bless his own house.
- ✧ Michal, the daughter of Saul, came out and rebuked David for his disgraceful behavior in front of the subjects of his kingdom. [2 Samuel 6:20]
- ✧ So David said to Michal, "It was before the Lord, who chose me instead of your father and all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the Lord, over Israel. Therefore I will play music before the Lord. And I will be even more undignified than this, and will be humble in my own sight. But as for the maidservants of whom you have spoken, by them I will be held in honor." [2 Samuel 6:21-22]
- ✧ Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no children to the day of her death. [2 Samuel 6:23]
- ✧ Michal had no children by David her first and last husband. She had 5 step-sons whom she brought up for Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholathite to whom Saul had given her after David fled and became a fugitive. [2 Samuel 21:8]