

DAILY STUDY

Lesson 41: God's Covenant with David

Passage: Read 2 Sm. 6 - 7 (1 Chr. 13-17; Ps. 89; 131; 132) Vs: 2 Sm. 7:12

DAY 1 LET'S BEGIN:


1. How many were the chosen men of Israel that David gathered? (2 Sm. 6:1)
2. What did David prepare to do? (6:2)
3. What information does 1 Chronicles 13:1-3 add to this situation?
4. What did they do with the ark? (2 Sm. 6:3-4)
5. What were all the people doing? (6:5)
6. What happened to Uzzah, and why? (2 Sm. 6:6-7; Nm. 4:15)
7. In his enthusiasm, what had David failed to do, and what was his reaction? (2 Sm. 6:8-10)

DAY 2 FIND the FACTS:

1. What did Hiram king of Tyre do for David while the ark was at Obed-edom? (1 Chr. 14:1; 15:1)
2. What did David do three months later? (2 Sm. 6:12-13; 1 Chr. 15:12-15)
3. How would you describe what David was doing as the ark entered Jerusalem? (6:14-16; 1 Chr. 15:27-29)
4. Why do you think Michal did not rejoice and celebrate as David was doing? (2 Sm. 6:16, 20)
5. What do you think Michal thought of David's God? (6:21)
6. What was David's explanation to Michal? (6:21)
7. Why do you think the ark of the LORD was so important to David? (6:21-22)

DAY 3 THINK it THROUGH:

1. After David's house was build, what did he plan to do? (2 Sm. 7:1-2)
2. What was Nathan's first response, what was God's redirection, and why? (2 Sm. 7:3; 1 Chr. 28:3-6)
3. What are some things God had already done for David? (2 Sm 7:8-9)
4. What are some of the promises God made to David according to 2 Samuel 7:9-16?

DAY 4  **VERSE ANALYSIS:** Please fill in the missing words.

2 Samuel 7:16

"And your house and your _____ shall be _____ _____ before me.
_____ throne shall be established forever."

1. What do you think God is saying to David here?
2. How do you think this was carried out? (Mt. 1)
3. How do you think these promises could yet be fulfilled? (Rev. 20-21)
4. What did David do after Nathan told him all these things? (2 Sm. 7:18)
5. How did David see himself before God? (7:18-20)
6. How did David describe God? (7:22)
7. What had God done for Israel? (7:23-24)
8. What was David's response to what God said He would do? (7:25-29)

DAY 5  **SUMMING up SAMUEL:**

1. How do you spend time looking for what you can do for God? ... for what God can do for you?
2. How has God guided or protected you in the past?
3. How are you looking forward to God's future promises?
4. For further information select some of the following passages to review this week. (1 Chr. 13-17; Ps. 89; 131; 132)
5. Which passage(s) did you select, and what did you learn about God or yourself from it?
6. What focus do you want your household to have?
7. Where is your focus?



PASSAGE SUMMARY

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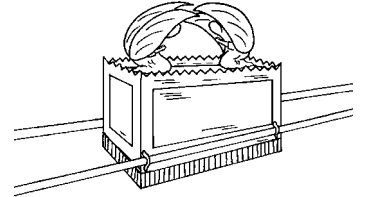
After David was made king, he gathered thirty thousand chosen men of Israel and took them to Baale-judah. There they began to move the ark of God from the land of Abinadab to Jerusalem. They put the ark on a new cart and moved it down the hill toward the threshing floor.

David and all the men of Israel were celebrating with all kinds of instruments: lyres, harps, tambourines, castanets and cymbals. While they were celebrating, the ark almost fell from the cart because of the oxen. When Uzzah reached out to steady the **ark**, the LORD struck him down. They were not moving the ark as God had instructed. Uzzah died there that day.

David was angry about Uzzah's death. He named the place Perez-uzzah. David was afraid to move the ark any further so they left the ark at the house of Obed-edom the Gittite for three months. While the ark was there, God blessed that household. When David heard that Obed-edom was being blessed because of the ark, David rejoiced and sent for the men to **carry** the ark to Jerusalem. When the ark had been safely moved six paces, David made a sacrifice of an ox and a fatling (2 Sm. 6:2, 13, 26).

Then David celebrated with the children of Israel before the LORD. He danced and shouted with the trumpet blowing. As they entered the city, Michal looked out the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD without his outer kingly garments. She despised him in her **heart**. Later David told her that he was celebrating to the LORD who had chosen him to be the ruler of all Israel.

David brought the ark to its place inside the tent he made for it. Next David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the



LORD. David blessed the people in the name of the LORD. Then David gave all the men and women a cake of bread, and one of dates and one of raisins. Then the people went home.

The LORD gave David peace from all his enemies. David told Nathan, the prophet, that he was living in a house of cedar. He pointed out that the ark of God was dwelling in a **tent** of curtains. Nathan told David to do what he wanted to do because the LORD was with him.

That night God told Nathan to tell David that he was not the one to build a house for God to dwell in. God had taken David from being a shepherd of sheep and had made him the **king** of Israel. God had been with David and had destroyed David's enemies. God said he would make David's name great among the people. God said that David's son would build a **house** for God's name. David's throne would be established forever. Nathan told David everything that God said.

David went and sat before God and remembered what God had done for him with a grateful heart. David praised God for his greatness and thanked him for his promises.

QUESTIONS: What did David want to do for God?
 What was God's promise to David?

PASSAGE THOUGHTS

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David had been made king of all Israel and had defeated one of her greatest enemies, the Philistines. The Philistines had been driven back from Geba all the way to Gezer which removed them from the Canaanite land. Still David never had peace with the Philistines during his reign.

David consulted with the military leaders. He suggested that they gather the people and bring back the ark of the LORD which had not been considered during the days of Saul (1 Chr. 13:1-3). The assembly agreed, and David gathered the people from the border of Egypt in the south to the border of Hamath in the north. He had a focus toward the God of Israel, and he was eager to turn the people back toward God. As the people gathered to move the ark, they were celebrating with all their might.

However, in David's eagerness, he overlooked one important point. According to Numbers 4:5-6, 15 the Kohathites had been instructed not to touch the holy objects when they carried them to avoid death. They were to carry the ark on their shoulders on poles placed in rings at the corners of the ark. Perhaps David was not familiar with this requirement; however, the priests should have known what to do. Ignorance of God's law does not remove us from responsibility and consequences. Uzzah's death got David's attention. He did not move the ark any further. He was angry and afraid. David stopped the ark, and the people went home.

First Chronicles then tells how Hiram, the king of Tyre, sent cedar trees and laborers to build a house for David. David recognized that his kingdom was highly esteemed for the sake of God's people, Israel. In the meantime David got the instructions right. He explained that they had not followed God's ordinance previously (1 Chr. 15:12-15). The ark was to be carried by the Levites. Again they assembled the people, and this time they brought the ark to Jerusalem.

By following the ordinance properly there was no more disaster. David and the

people could truly celebrate. When David removed his outer kingly garments and rejoiced in humility before God, it was with a clean heart. David loved his God, and he rejoiced in being able to bring the dwelling place of God back to the people of Israel. First Chronicles 15 gives more of the details.

Michal's response to David's actions shows a different focus. When we realize that Michal was Saul's daughter and had not accompanied David in celebrating the return of the ark, we see a possible explanation. Saul did not value the ark of the LORD as David did so Michal had no precedence for valuing the ark. David had already tried to bring back the ark once, so she should have had some idea of its importance to David. Perhaps she had an appreciation of David as a king, but she did not seem to have an appreciation for his love for his God.

David was not about to change his love for God, which was far more important than his love for a wife or anyone else. It says that Michal despised David in her heart. It does not appear that she had a heart for David's God. She seemed to be more concerned with appearances before the world. She considered David to be a fool rather than join him in his offerings to God. We do not have any record of her change of heart.

David wanted to build a permanent structure for the ark of the LORD, and Nathan the prophet agreed. However, God had other plans, and Nathan had to explain the plan to David. David wanted to build a house for God, but instead God promised an everlasting house for David. Here we see the promise of the coming Son of God. David's response was to praise God for his greatness and goodness.

What can you praise God for today? Do you spend more time looking for what God can do for you, or what you can do for God? How? You may want to read David's related praise Psalm 89.

PRAYER: *Father, help us desire to praise your name.*
