

1 Chronicles 13

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(The first attempt to bring the Ark into Jerusalem)

13 And David consulted with the captains of thousands and hundreds, and with every leader. (Israel is now united under King David. His capital city is Jerusalem)

² And David said unto all the congregation of Israel, If it seem good unto you, and that it be of the LORD our God, let us send abroad unto our brethren every where, that are left in all the land of Israel, and with them also to the priests and Levites which are in their cities and suburbs, that they may gather themselves unto us: (David wanted to bring the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem)

2Samuel-6:1-11 (They transported the Ark on an ox cart. This was an insult to God. HE struck the Levite <Uzzah> dead who touched the Ark; because a priest should have known how to transport the Ark)

³ And let us bring again the ark of our God to us: for we enquired not at it in the days of Saul. (enquired - to seek diligently)

(Saul went rogue after Samuel died. God eventually stopped blessing Saul for all his many trespasses, including using a witch to summon Samuel's spirit in a séance. This is an abomination to God. The spirit wasn't Samuel. It was an evil spirit posing as Samuel)

⁴ And all the congregation said that they would do so: for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people. (But was it right with God? They never asked Him. Their intentions are good, but their method will prove to be bad for them)

⁵ So David gathered all Israel together, from Shihor of Egypt even unto the entering of Hemath, to bring the ark of God from Kirjathjearim. (Hemath = Hamath - a Kenite stronghold; they had well infiltrated Israel, by now)

⁶ And David went up, and all Israel, to Baalah, that is, to Kirjathjearim, which belonged to Judah, to bring up thence the ark of God the LORD, that dwelleth between the cherubims, whose name is called on it.

(The Ark had not been in Shiloh for 70-90 years, since the Philistines had stolen it. They put it in their temple of Dagon – a fish god. After Dagon fell over twice and broke during the night they wanted to get

rid of the Ark. They later returned it to Israel, because God vexed them with sickness until they released the Ark. They took it to Kirjathjearim on an ox cart. There it stayed at Abenidab's house for 20 years)

⁷ And they carried the ark of God in a new cart out of the house of Abinadab: and Uzza and Ahio drove the cart. (God had commanded that the Ark only be carried by priests <Koathites>, on two staves; not on an ox cart. The people and especially the priests of Israel should have known that. See the first few chapters of the Book of Numbers)

⁸ And David and all Israel played before God with all their might, and with singing, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets. (They thought that they were pleasing God; so they were celebrating)

⁹ And when they came unto the threshingfloor of Chidon, Uzza put forth his hand to hold the ark; for the oxen stumbled. (Chidon = a disaster) (Uzza tried to steady the cart, so the Ark would not fall off)

¹⁰ And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzza, and he smote him, because he put his hand to the ark: and there he died before God. (These were priests who should have read the Scriptures. God told them how to move the Ark) see Numbers-4:15

¹¹ And David was displeased, because the LORD had made a breach upon Uzza: wherefore that place is called Perezuzza to this day. (displeased = grieved - better translation) (Perezuzza = the breach of Uzza)

¹² And David was afraid of God that day, saying, How shall I bring the ark of God home to me? (He knew they had angered God, but he didn't know how. Israel had strayed away from God's Word during the reign of Saul)

¹³ So David brought not the ark home to himself to the city of David, but carried it aside into the house of Obededom the Gittite. (Gittite - either a resident of Gath-Remon, a Levite city in Manasseh or Gittam, a city in Benjamin; Definitely not Gath, a Philistine city)

¹⁴ And the ark of God remained with the family of Obededom in his house three months. And the LORD blessed the house of Obededom, and all that he had.

(This was the first attempt by David to bring the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem. They failed because they didn't do it God's way)