

### David Prepares to Bring the Ark to Jerusalem (c. 998 BC)

1 Chronicles 13:1–4; 15:1b

13:1 Then David consulted with the captains of the thousands and the hundreds, even with every leader.  
 2 David said to all the assembly of Israel, “If it seems good to you, and if it is from the LORD our God, let us send everywhere to our kinsmen who remain in all the land of Israel, also to the priests and Levites who are with them in their cities with pasture lands, that they may meet with us;  
 3 and let us bring back the ark of our God to us, for we did not seek it in 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.  
 15:1b and he prepared a place for the ark of God and pitched a tent for it.

### The Death of Uzzah (c. 998 BC)

2 Samuel 6:1–11

1 Now David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand.  
 2 And David arose and went with all the people who were with him to Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God which is called by the Name, the very name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned *above* the cherubim.  
 3 They placed the ark of God on a new cart that they might bring it from the house of Abinadab which was on the hill; and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were leading the new cart.  
 4 So they brought it with the ark of God from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill; and Ahio was walking ahead of the ark.  
 5 Meanwhile, David and all the house of Israel were celebrating before the LORD with all kinds of *instruments made of fir wood*, and with lyres, harps, tambourines, castanets and cymbals.  
 6 But when they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah reached out toward the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen nearly upset *it*.  
 7 And the anger of the LORD burned against Uzzah, and God struck him down there for his irreverence; and he died there by the ark of God.

1 Chronicles 13:5–14

5 So David assembled all Israel together, from the Shihor of Egypt even to the entrance of Hamath, to bring the ark of God from Kiriath-jearim.  
 6 David and all Israel went up to Baalah, *that is*, to Kiriath-jearim, which belongs to Judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, the LORD who is enthroned *above* the cherubim, where His name is called.  
 7 They carried the ark of God on a new cart from the house of Abinadab, and Uzza and Ahio drove the cart.  
 8 David and all Israel were celebrating before God with all *their* might, even with songs and with lyres, harps, tambourines, cymbals and with trumpets.  
 9 When they came to the threshing floor of Chidon, Uzza put out his hand to hold the ark, because the oxen nearly upset *it*.  
 10 The anger of the LORD burned against Uzza, so He struck him down because he put out his hand to the ark; and he died there before God.

<p>8 David became angry because of the LORD's outburst against Uzzah, and that place is called Perez-uzzah to this day.</p> <p>9 So David was afraid of the LORD that day; and he said, "How can the ark of the LORD come to me?"</p> <p>10 And David was unwilling to move the ark of the LORD into the city of David with him; but David took it aside to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite.</p> <p>11 Thus 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.</p>	<p>11 Then David became angry because of the LORD's outburst against Uzza; and he called that place Perez-uzza to this day.</p> <p>12 David was afraid of God that day, saying, "How can I bring the ark of God <i>home</i> to me?"</p> <p>13 So David did not take the ark with him to the city of David, but took it aside to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite.</p> <p>14 Thus the ark of God remained with the family of Obed-edom in his house three months; and the LORD blessed the family of Obed-edom with all that he had.</p>
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### The Way of the Righteous and the Wicked (c. 998 BC)

#### Psalm 1

- 1 How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked,  
Nor stand in the path of sinners,  
Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!
- 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
And in His law he meditates day and night.
- 3 He will be like a tree *firmly* planted by streams of water,  
Which yields its fruit in its season  
And its leaf does not wither;  
And in whatever he does, he prospers.
- 4 The wicked are not so,  
But they are like chaff which the wind drives away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
But the way of the wicked will perish.

### The Law of the LORD Is Perfect (c. 998 BC)

#### Psalm 19

*For the choir director.*

#### **A Psalm of David.**

- 1 The heavens are telling of the glory of God;  
And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.
- 2 Day to day pours forth speech,  
And night to night reveals knowledge.
- 3 There is no speech, nor are there words;  
Their voice is not heard.
- 4 Their line has gone out through all the earth,  
And their utterances to the end of the world. [[Rom 1:19–20; 10:17–18](#)]  
In them He has placed a tent for the sun,
- 5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber;

- It rejoices as a strong man to run his course.
- 6 Its rising is from one end of the heavens,  
And its circuit to the other end of them;  
And there is nothing hidden from its heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul;  
The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.
- 8 The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;  
The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;  
The judgments of the LORD are true; they are righteous altogether.
- 10 They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold;  
Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb.
- 11 Moreover, by them Your servant is warned;  
In keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can discern *his* errors? Acquit me of hidden *faults*.
- 13 Also keep back Your servant from presumptuous *sins*;  
Let them not rule over me;  
Then I will be blameless,  
And I shall be acquitted of great transgression.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
Be acceptable in Your sight,  
O LORD, my rock and my Redeemer.

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