

Musicians for the Procession (c. 998 BC)

1 Chronicles 15:16–24

16 And David spake to the chief of the Levites to appoint their brethren *to be* the singers with instruments of music, psalteries and harps and cymbals, sounding, by lifting up the voice with joy.

17 So the Levites appointed Heman the son of Joel; and of his brethren, Asaph the son of Berechiah; and of the sons of Merari their brethren, Ethan the son of Kushaiah;

18 And with them their brethren of the second *degree*, Zechariah, Ben, and Jaaziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, Eliab, and Benaiah, and Maaseiah, and Mattithiah, and Elipheleh, and Mikneiah, and Obedom, and Jeiel, the porters.

19 So the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, *were appointed* to sound with cymbals of brass;

20 And Zechariah, and Aziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, and Eliab, and Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with psalteries on Alamoth;

21 And Mattithiah, and Elipheleh, and Mikneiah, and Obedom, and Jeiel, and Azariah, with harps on the Sheminit to excel.

22 And Chenaniah, chief of the Levites, *was* for song: he instructed about the song, because he *was* skillful.

23 And Berechiah and Elkanah *were* doorkeepers for the ark.

24 And Shebaniah, and Jehoshaphat, and Nethaneel, and Amasai, and Zechariah, and Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, did blow with the trumpets before the ark of God: and Obedom and Jehiah *were* doorkeepers for the ark.

David Brings the Ark to Jerusalem (c. 998 BC)

2 Samuel 6:12b-19a

1 Chronicles 15:25–16:3

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| <p>12b So David</p> <p>went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obedom into the city of David with gladness.</p> <p>13 And it was <i>so</i>, that when they that bare the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed oxen and fatlings.</p> <p>14 And David</p> <p>danced before the LORD with all <i>his</i> might; and David <i>was</i> girded with a linen ephod.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>16 And</p> <p>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 dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.</p> <p>17 And they brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in his place, in the midst of the tabernacle that David had pitched for it: and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.</p> <p>18 And as soon as David had made an end of offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts.</p> <p>19a And he dealt among all the people, <i>even</i> among the whole multitude of Israel, as well to the women as men, to every one a cake of bread, and a good piece <i>of flesh</i>, and a flagon <i>of wine</i>.</p> | <p>15:25 So David, and the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands, went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the house of Obedom with joy.</p> <p>26 And it came to pass, when God helped the Levites that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, that they offered seven bullocks and seven rams.</p> <p>27 And David <i>was</i> clothed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Levites that bare the ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah the master of the song with the singers:</p> <p>David also <i>had</i> upon him an ephod of linen.</p> <p>28 Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting, and with sound of the cornet, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, making a noise with psalteries and harps.</p> <p>29 And it came to pass, <i>as</i> the ark of the covenant of the LORD came to the city of David, that Michal the daughter of Saul looking out at a window saw king David dancing and playing: and she despised him in her heart.</p> <p>16:1 So they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it: and they offered burnt sacrifices and peace offerings before God.</p> <p>2 And when David had made an end of offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD.</p> <p>3 And he dealt to every one of Israel, both man and woman, to every one a loaf of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon <i>of wine</i>.</p> |
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David Appoints Levites to Minister Before the Ark (c. 998 BC)

1 Chronicles 16:4–7

4 And he appointed *certain* of the Levites to minister before the ark of the LORD, and to record, and to thank and praise the LORD God of Israel:
 5 Asaph the chief, and next to him Zechariah, Jeiel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Mattithiah, and Eliab, and Benaiah, and Obedom: and Jeiel with psalteries and with harps; but Asaph made a sound with cymbals;
 6 Benaiah also and Jahaziel the priests with trumpets continually before the ark of the covenant of God.
 7 Then on that day David delivered first *this psalm* to thank the LORD into the hand of Asaph and his brethren.

Tell of All His Wonderful Works (c. 998 BC)

Psalm 105

1 Chronicles 16:8–22

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| <p>1 O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people. 2 Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works. 3 Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD. 4 Seek the LORD, and his strength: seek his face evermore. 5 Remember his marvelous works that he hath done; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth; 6 O ye seed of Abraham his servant, ye children of Jacob his chosen. 7 He <i>is</i> the LORD our God: his judgments <i>are</i> in all the earth. 8 He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word <i>which</i> he commanded to a thousand generations. 9 Which <i>covenant</i> he made with Abraham, and his oath unto Isaac; 10 And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, <i>and</i> to Israel <i>for</i> an everlasting covenant: 11 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance: 12 When they were <i>but</i> a few men in number; yea, very few, and strangers in it. 13 When they went from one nation to another, from <i>one</i> kingdom to another people; 14 He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he reprov'd kings for their sakes; 15 <i>Saying</i>, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.</p> | <p>8 Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people. 9 Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him, talk ye of all his wondrous works. 10 Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD. 11 Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually. 12 Remember his marvelous works that he hath done, his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth; 13 O ye seed of Israel his servant, ye children of Jacob, his chosen ones. 14 He <i>is</i> the LORD our God; his judgments <i>are</i> in all the earth. 15 Be ye mindful always of his covenant; the word <i>which</i> he commanded to a thousand generations; 16 <i>Even of the covenant</i> which he made with Abraham, and of his oath unto Isaac; 17 And hath confirmed the same to Jacob for a law, <i>and</i> to Israel <i>for</i> an everlasting covenant, 18 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance; 19 When ye were but few, even a few, and strangers in it. 20 And <i>when</i> they went from nation to nation, and from <i>one</i> kingdom to another people; 21 He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he reprov'd kings for their sakes, 22 <i>Saying</i>, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.</p> |
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16 Moreover he called for a famine upon the land: he brake the whole staff of bread.
 17 He sent a man before them, *even* Joseph, *who* was sold for a servant:
 18 Whose feet they hurt with fetters: he was laid in iron:
 19 Until the time that his word came: the word of the LORD tried him.
 20 The king sent and loosed him; *even* the ruler of the people, and let him go free.
 21 He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his substance:
 22 To bind his princes at his pleasure; and teach his senators wisdom.
 23 Israel also came into Egypt; and Jacob sojourn'd in the land of Ham.
 24 And he increased his people greatly; and made them stronger than their enemies.
 25 He turned their heart to hate his people, to deal subtly with his servants.
 26 He sent Moses his servant; *and* Aaron whom he had chosen.
 27 They shewed his signs among them, and wonders in the land of Ham.
 28 He sent darkness, and made it dark; and they rebelled not against his word.
 29 He turned their waters into blood, and slew their fish.
 30 Their land brought forth frogs in abundance, in the chambers of their kings.
 31 He spake, and there came divers sorts of flies, *and* lice in all their coasts.
 32 He gave them hail for rain, *and* flaming fire in their land.
 33 He smote their vines also and their fig trees; and brake the trees of their coasts.

34 He spake, and the locusts came, and caterpillars, and that without number,
35 And did eat up all the herbs in their land, and devoured the fruit of their ground.
36 He smote also all the firstborn in their land, the chief of all their strength.
37 He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and *there was* not one feeble *person* among their tribes.
38 Egypt was glad when they departed: for the fear of them fell upon them.
39 He spread a cloud for a covering; and fire to give light in the night.
40 *The people* asked, and he brought quails, and satisfied them with the bread of heaven.
41 He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out; they ran in the dry places *like* a river.
42 For he remembered his holy promise, *and* Abraham his servant.
43 And he brought forth his people with joy, *and* his chosen with gladness:
44 And gave them the lands of the heathen: and they inherited the labour of the people;
45 That they might observe his statutes, and keep his laws. Praise ye the LORD.

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