

Musicians for the Procession (c. 998 BC)

1 Chronicles 15:16–24

16 Then David ordered the chiefs of the Levites to appoint their brothers *as* singers with instruments of song, musical instruments, stringed instruments, and cymbals, raising their voices for joy.
 17 So the Levites appointed Heman son of Joel, and from his brothers, Asaph the son of Berekiah, and from the sons of Merari, their brothers, Ethan the son of Kushaiah;
 18 and with them their brothers *of* the second *rank*, Zechariah the son, Jaaziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, Mikneiah, and the gatekeepers Obed-Edom and Jeiel.
 19 Now the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, *were* to sound bronze cymbals;
 20 Zechariah, Aziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Maaseiah, and Benaiah *were to play* on harps according to Alamoah;
 21 and Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, Mikneiah, Obed-Edom, Jeiel, and Azariah *were to play* lyres, directing according to the Sheminith.
 22 And Kenaniah, chief of the Levites in singing, *was to be* an instructor in singing because he understood.
 23 And Berekiah and Elkanah *were* gatekeepers for the ark.
 24 And Shebaniah, Jehoshaphat, Nethanel, Amasai, Zechariah, Benaiah, and Elizezer the priests sounded the trumpets before the ark of God. And Obed-Edom and Jehiah *were* gatekeepers for the ark.

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

2 Samuel 6:12b-19a

1 Chronicles 15:25–16:3

12b So David
 went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the city of David with jubilation.
 13 It happened *that* when the carriers of the ark of Yahweh had marched six steps that he sacrificed an ox and a fatling.
 14 Now David
 was dancing with all *his* might before Yahweh, and David *was* wearing a linen ephod.
 15 So David and all the house of Israel *were* bringing up the ark of Yahweh with shouts of joyful acclaim and with the sound of the trumpet.
 16 It happened that when the ark of Yahweh came *into* the city of David, Michal the daughter of Saul looked down through the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before Yahweh, and she despised him in her heart.
 17 They brought the ark of Yahweh and set it in its place in the middle of the tent which David had pitched for it. Then David offered up burnt offerings and fellowship offerings in the presence of Yahweh.
 18 When David had finished from the sacrificing of the burnt offerings and the fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the name of Yahweh of hosts.
 19a Then he distributed to all the people, to all the multitude of Israel, from man to woman, to each: one ring-shaped piece of bread, one cake of dates, and one cake of raisins;

15:25 And it happened *that* David and the elders of Israel and the commanders of thousands went to bring up the ark of the covenant of Yahweh from the house of Obed-Edom with joy.
 26 And it happened *that* when God helped the Levites carrying the ark of the covenant of Yahweh, they sacrificed seven bulls and seven rams.
 27 Now David was clothed with a robe of fine linen; so also all the Levites who were carrying the ark, the singers, and Kenaniah the chief of the singing.
 And David wore a linen ephod.
 28 And all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of Yahweh with shouting, with the sound of a shofar, and with trumpets and cymbals, making loud music with musical instruments and stringed instruments.
 29 And when the ark of the covenant of Yahweh came into the city of David, then Michal the daughter of Saul looked down from the window and saw the king, David, leaping and dancing. And she despised him in her heart.
 16:1 And they brought the ark of God and set it inside the tent that David had pitched for it. And they offered burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before God.
 2 And when David had finished offering the burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the name of Yahweh.
 3 And he distributed to every man of Israel, both men and women, to each *person* a loaf of bread, a cake of dates, and a cake of raisins.

David Appoints Levites to Minister Before the Ark (c. 998 BC)

1 Chronicles 16:4–7

4 Then he appointed some of the Levites as ministers before the ark of Yahweh, to invoke, thank, and praise Yahweh the God of Israel.

5 Asaph *was* chief, and his second *was* Zechariah; Jeiel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Mattithiah, Eliab, Benaiah, Obed-Edom, and Jeiel *were* on harps and lyres. And Asaph played on the cymbals.

6 And Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests *blew* on the trumpets continually before the ark of the covenant of God.

7 Then on that day David first appointed to give thanks to Yahweh by the hand of Asaph and his brothers.

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

Psalm 105

1 Chronicles 16:8–22

1 Give thanks to Yahweh; proclaim his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him; sing praises concerning him;
tell of all his wonderful works.

3 Boast about his holy name.
Let the heart of those who seek Yahweh rejoice.

4 Make supplication to Yahweh and his might;
seek his face continually.

5 Remember his wonders that he has done,
his signs and the judgments of his mouth,
6 O offspring of Abraham his servant,
you descendants of Jacob, his chosen ones.

7 He *is* Yahweh our God;
his judgments *are* in all the earth.

8 He remembers his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded
for a thousand generations,

9 that he made with Abraham,
and by his oath *swore* to Isaac.

10 He then confirmed it to Jacob as a statute,
to Israel *as* an everlasting covenant,

11 saying, “To you I will give the land of Canaan
as the allotment *that is* your inheritance.”

12 When they were few in number—
a trifle—and *were* sojourners in it,

13 and they wandered about among the nations,
from *one* kingdom to another people,

14 he allowed no one to oppress them,
and he rebuked kings on account of them,

15 “Do not touch my anointed ones,
nor harm my prophets.”

8 Give thanks to Yahweh; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the nations!

9 Sing to him; sing praises to him;
tell of his wondrous works!

10 Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those seeking Yahweh rejoice!

11 Seek Yahweh and his strength;
seek his face continually!

12 Remember his wonderful works that he has done,
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

13 O offspring of Israel, his servant,
O sons of Jacob, his chosen ones!

14 He *is* Yahweh our God;
his judgments *are* in all the earth.

15 Remember his covenant forever,
the word he commanded
for a thousand generations,

16 that he made with Abraham,
his sworn oath to Isaac.

17 And he confirmed it to Jacob as a statute,
an everlasting covenant to Israel,

18 saying, “To you I will give the land of Canaan,
the portion of your inheritance.”

19 When you were few in number,
little, and sojourners *were* in it,

20 when they wandered from nation to nation,
and from one kingdom to another people,

21 he did not allow anyone to oppress them,
and he rebuked kings on their account,

22 *saying*, “You must not touch my anointed
nor do harm to my prophets!”

16 Then he called for a famine upon the land;
he broke every supply of bread.

17 He sent a man on ahead of them;
Joseph was sold as a slave.

18 They clamped his feet in fetters.
His neck went into irons.

19 Until *the* time his word came about,
the word of Yahweh tested him.

20 *The* king sent and he freed him;
the ruler of *the* peoples *sent* and let him loose.

21 He made him lord of his house
and ruler of all his possessions,

22 to obligate his officials as he saw fit
and teach his elders wisdom.

23 Then Israel came *to* Egypt,

and Jacob was a sojourner in the land of Ham.
24 And he made his people very fruitful.
He also made them stronger than their enemies.
25 He turned their heart to hate his people,
to deal deceitfully against his servants.
26 He sent his servant Moses,
together with Aaron whom he had chosen.
27 They set before them the words concerning his signs
and portents in the land of Ham.
28 He sent darkness and made *it* dark,
and they did not rebel against his words.
29 He turned their waters into blood
and it killed their fish.
30 Their land swarmed with frogs,
even in the chambers of their kings.
31 He spoke, and there came flies
and gnats throughout all their territory.
32 He gave hail for their rains
and the fire of lightning in their land.
33 And he struck their vines and fig trees,
and shattered the trees of their territory.
34 He spoke and there came locusts
and young locusts without number.
35 And they ate up all *the* vegetation in their land,
and they ate up the fruit of their ground.
36 And he struck down all *the* firstborn in their land,
the first of all their virility.
37 Then he brought them out with silver and gold,
and there was none among his tribes who stumbled.
38 Egypt was glad when they departed,
because the fear of them had fallen upon them.
39 He spread out a cloud for a covering,
and fire to give light at night.
40 They asked, and he brought quail,
and satisfied them with *the* bread of heaven.
41 He opened *the* rock and waters flowed;
they coursed through the dry places *like* a river.
42 For he remembered his holy promise;
he remembered Abraham his servant.
43 And so he brought out his people with joy,
his chosen ones with rejoicing.
44 And he gave to them *the* lands of *the* nations,
and they inherited *the* labor of *the* peoples,
so that they might observe his statutes,
and keep his laws.
Praise Yah.

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