

### Musicians for the Procession (c. 998 BC)

1 Chronicles 15:16–24

16 Then David spoke to the chiefs of the Levites to appoint their relatives the singers, with instruments of music, harps, lyres, loud-sounding cymbals, to raise sounds of joy.  
 17 So the Levites appointed Heman the son of Joel, and from his relatives, Asaph the son of Berechiah; and from the sons of Merari their relatives, Ethan the son of Kushaiah,  
 18 and with them their relatives of the second rank, Zechariah, Ben, Jaaziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, Mikneiah, Obed-edom and Jeiel, the gatekeepers.  
 19 So the singers, Heman, Asaph and Ethan *were appointed* to sound aloud cymbals of bronze;  
 20 and Zechariah, Aziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Maaseiah and Benaiah, with harps *tuned* to alamoath;  
 21 and Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, Mikneiah, Obed-edom, Jeiel and Azaziah, to lead with lyres tuned to the sheminith.  
 22 Chenaniah, chief of the Levites, was *in charge of the singing*; he gave instruction in singing because he was skillful.  
 23 Berechiah and Elkanah were gatekeepers for the ark.  
 24 Shebaniah, Joshaphat, Nethanel, Amasai, Zechariah, Benaiah and Eliezer, the priests, blew the trumpets before the ark of God. Obed-edom and Jehiah also *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 David

went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom into the city of David with gladness.

13 And so it was, that when the bearers of the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling.  
 14 And David

was dancing before the LORD with all *his* might, and David was wearing a linen ephod.

15 So David and all the house of Israel were bringing up the ark of the LORD with shouting and the sound of the trumpet.

16 Then it happened *as* the ark of the LORD came into the city of David that Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

17 So they brought in the ark of the LORD and set it in its place inside the tent which David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.

18 When David had finished offering the burnt offering and the peace offering, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts.

19a Further, he distributed to all the people, to all the multitude of Israel, both to men and women, a cake of bread and one of dates and one of raisins to each one.

15:25 So *it was* David, with the elders of Israel and the captains over thousands, who went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD from the house of Obed-edom with joy.

26 Because God was helping the Levites who were carrying the ark of the covenant of the LORD, they sacrificed seven bulls and seven rams.  
 27 Now David was clothed with a robe of fine linen with all the Levites who were carrying the ark, and the singers and Chenaniah the leader of the singing *with* the singers.

David also wore an ephod of linen.

28 Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting, and with sound of the horn, with trumpets, with loud-sounding cymbals, with harps and lyres.  
 29 It happened when the ark of the covenant of the LORD came to the city of David, that Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and celebrating; and she despised him in her heart.

16:1 And they brought in the ark of God and placed it inside the tent which David had pitched for it, and they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before God.

2 When David had finished offering the burnt offering and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD.

3 He distributed to everyone of Israel, both man and woman, to everyone a loaf of bread and a portion *of meat* and a raisin cake.

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

1 Chronicles 16:4–7

4 He appointed some of the Levites *as* ministers before the ark of the LORD, even to celebrate and to thank and praise the LORD God of Israel:

5 Asaph the chief, and second to him Zechariah, *then* Jeiel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Mattithiah, Eliab, Benaiah, Obed-edom and Jeiel, with musical instruments, harps, lyres; also Asaph *played* loud-sounding cymbals,

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

7 Then on that day David first assigned Asaph and his relatives to give thanks to the LORD.

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

Psalm 105	1 Chronicles 16:8–22
<p>1 Oh give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples.</p> <p>2 Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; Speak of all His wonders.</p> <p>3 Glory in His holy name; Let the heart of those who seek the LORD be glad.</p> <p>4 Seek the LORD and His strength; Seek His face continually.</p> <p>5 Remember His wonders which He has done, His marvels and the judgments uttered by His mouth,</p> <p>6 O seed of Abraham, His servant, O sons of Jacob, His chosen ones!</p> <p>7 He is the LORD our God; His judgments are in all the earth.</p> <p>8 He has remembered His covenant forever, The word which He commanded to a thousand generations,</p> <p>9 <i>The covenant</i> which He made with Abraham, And His oath to Isaac.</p> <p>10 Then He confirmed it to Jacob for a statute, To Israel as an everlasting covenant,</p> <p>11 Saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan As the portion of your inheritance,"</p> <p>12 When they were only a few men in number, Very few, and strangers in it.</p> <p>13 And they wandered about from nation to nation, From <i>one</i> kingdom to another people.</p> <p>14 He permitted no man to oppress them, And He reprov'd kings for their sakes:</p> <p>15 "Do not touch My anointed ones, And do My prophets no harm."</p>	<p>8 Oh give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples.</p> <p>9 Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; Speak of all His wonders.</p> <p>10 Glory in His holy name; Let the heart of those who seek the LORD be glad.</p> <p>11 Seek the LORD and His strength; Seek His face continually.</p> <p>12 Remember His wonderful deeds which He has done, His marvels and the judgments from His mouth,</p> <p>13 O seed of Israel His servant, Sons of Jacob, His chosen ones!</p> <p>14 He is the LORD our God; His judgments are in all the earth.</p> <p>15 Remember His covenant forever, The word which He commanded to a thousand generations,</p> <p>16 <i>The covenant</i> which He made with Abraham, And His oath to Isaac.</p> <p>17 He also confirmed it to Jacob for a statute, To Israel as an everlasting covenant,</p> <p>18 Saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan, As the portion of your inheritance."</p> <p>19 When they were only a few in number, Very few, and strangers in it,</p> <p>20 And they wandered about from nation to nation, And from <i>one</i> kingdom to another people,</p> <p>21 He permitted no man to oppress them, And He reprov'd kings for their sakes, <i>saying,</i></p> <p>22 "Do not touch My anointed ones, And do My prophets no harm."</p>
<p>16 And He called for a famine upon the land; He broke the whole staff of bread.</p> <p>17 He sent a man before them, Joseph, <i>who</i> was sold as a slave.</p> <p>18 They afflicted his feet with fetters, He himself was laid in irons;</p> <p>19 Until the time that his word came to pass, The word of the LORD tested him.</p> <p>20 The king sent and released him, The ruler of peoples, and set him free.</p> <p>21 He made him lord of his house And ruler over all his possessions,</p> <p>22 To imprison his princes at will, That he might teach his elders wisdom.</p> <p>23 Israel also came into Egypt; Thus Jacob sojourn'd in the land of Ham.</p> <p>24 And He caused His people to be very fruitful, And made them stronger than their adversaries.</p> <p>25 He turned their heart to hate His people, To deal craftily with His servants.</p> <p>26 He sent Moses His servant, <i>And</i> Aaron, whom He had chosen.</p> <p>27 They performed His wondrous acts among them, And miracles in the land of Ham.</p> <p>28 He sent darkness and made <i>it</i> dark;</p>	

And they did not rebel against His words.  
29 He turned their waters into blood  
And caused their fish to die.  
30 Their land swarmed with frogs  
*Even* in the chambers of their kings.  
31 He spoke, and there came a swarm of flies  
*And* gnats in all their territory.  
32 He gave them hail for rain,  
*And* flaming fire in their land.  
33 He struck down their vines also and their fig trees,  
And shattered the trees of their territory.  
34 He spoke, and locusts came,  
And young locusts, even without number,  
35 And ate up all vegetation in their land,  
And ate up the fruit of their ground.  
36 He also struck down all the firstborn in their land,  
The first fruits of all their vigor.  
37 Then He brought them out with silver and gold,  
And among His tribes there was not one who stumbled.  
38 Egypt was glad when they departed,  
For the dread of them had fallen upon them.  
39 He spread a cloud for a covering,  
And fire to illumine by night.  
40 They asked, and He brought quail,  
And satisfied them with the bread of heaven.  
41 He opened the rock and water flowed out;  
It ran in the dry places *like* a river.  
42 For He remembered His holy word  
*With* Abraham His servant;  
43 And He brought forth His people with joy,  
His chosen ones with a joyful shout.  
44 He gave them also the lands of the nations,  
That they might take possession of *the fruit of* the peoples' labor,  
45 So that they might keep His statutes  
And observe His laws,  
Praise the LORD!

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