

David in Jerusalem

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II Samuel 5:1-22

(1) All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, “We are your own flesh and blood. (2) Long before now, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led Israel in war; and the LORD said to you: You shall shepherd My people Israel; you shall be ruler of Israel.” (3) All the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them in Hebron before the LORD. **And they anointed David king over Israel. (4) David was thirty years old when he became king, and he reigned forty years. (5) In Hebron** he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years. (6) **The king and his men set out for Jerusalem against the Jebusites who inhabited the region. David was told, “You will never get in here! Even the blind and the lame will turn you back.”** (They meant: David will never enter here.) (7) **But David captured the stronghold of Zion; it is now the City of David.** (8) On that occasion David said, “Those who attack the Jebusites shall reach the water channel and [strike down] the lame and the blind, who are hateful to David.” That is why they say: “No one who is blind or lame may enter the House.” (9) David occupied the stronghold **and renamed it the City of David;** David also fortified the surrounding area, from the Millo inward. (10) David kept growing stronger, for the LORD, the God of Hosts, was with him. (11) **King Hiram of Tyre sent envoys to David with cedar logs, carpenters, and stonemasons; and they built a palace for David.** (12) Thus David knew that the LORD had established him as king over Israel and had exalted his kingship for the sake of His people Israel. (13) After he left Hebron, David took more concubines and wives in Jerusalem, and more sons and daughters were born to David. (14) These are the names of the children born to him in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon; (15) Ibhara, Elishua, Nepheg, and Japhia; (16) Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet. (17) When the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king over Israel, the Philistines marched up in search of David; but David heard of it, and he went down to the fastness. (18) The Philistines came and spread out over the Valley of Rephaim. (19) David inquired of the LORD, “Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will You deliver them into my hands?” And the LORD answered David, “Go up, and I will deliver the Philistines into your hands.” (20) Thereupon David marched to Baal-perazim, and David defeated them there. And he said, “The LORD has

broken through my enemies before me as waters break through [a dam].” That is why that place was named Baal-perazim. (21) **The Philistines abandoned their idols there, and David and his men carried them off.** (22) Once again the Philistines marched up and spread out over the Valley of Rephaim.

II Samuel 6:10-12

(10) So David would not bring the Ark of the LORD to his place in the City of David; instead, David diverted it to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. (11) The Ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months, and the LORD blessed Obed-edom and his whole household. (12) **It was reported to King David: “The LORD has blessed Obed-edom’s house and all that belongs to him because of the Ark of God.” Thereupon David went and brought up the Ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the City of David, amid rejoicing.**

Deuteronomy 7:16-25

(16) You shall destroy all the peoples that the LORD your God delivers to you, showing them no pity. And you shall not worship their gods, for that would be a snare to you. (17) Should you say to yourselves, “These nations are more numerous than we; how can we dispossess them?” (18) You need have no fear of them. You have but to bear in mind what the LORD your God did to Pharaoh and all the Egyptians: (19) the wondrous acts that you saw with your own eyes, the signs and the portents, the mighty hand, and the outstretched arm by which the LORD your God liberated you. Thus will the LORD your God do to all the peoples you now fear. (20) The LORD your God will also send a plague against them, until those who are left in hiding perish before you. (21) Do not stand in dread of them, for the LORD your God is in your midst, a great and awesome God. (22) The LORD your God will dislodge those peoples before you little by little; you will not be able to put an end to them at once, else the wild beasts would multiply to your hurt. (23) The LORD your God will deliver them up to you, throwing them into utter panic until they are wiped out. (24) He will deliver their kings into your hand, and you shall obliterate their name from under the heavens; no man shall stand up to you, until you have wiped them out. (25) **You shall consign the images of their gods to the fire;** you shall not covet the silver and gold on them and keep it for yourselves, lest you be ensnared thereby; for that is abhorrent to the LORD your God.

I Chronicles 14:1-12

(1) King Hiram of Tyre sent envoys to David with cedar logs, stonemasons, and carpenters to build a palace for him. (2) Thus David knew that the LORD had established him as king over Israel, and that his kingship was highly exalted for the sake of His people Israel. (3) David took more wives in Jerusalem, and David begot more sons and daughters. (4) These are the names of the children born to him in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon; (5) Ibhar, Elishua, and Elpelet; (6) Nogah, Nepheg, and Japhia; (7) Elishama, Beeliada, and Eliphelet. (8) When the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up in search of David; but

David heard of it, and he went out to them. (9) The Philistines came and raided the Valley of Rephaim. (10) David inquired of God, “Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will You deliver them into my hands?” And the LORD answered him, “Go up, and I will deliver them into your hands.” (11) Thereupon David ascended Baal-perazim, and David defeated them there. David said, “God burst out against my enemies by my hands as waters burst out.” That is why that place was named Baal-perazim. (12) They abandoned their gods there, and David ordered these to be burned.

I Chronicles 14:13-17

(13) Once again the Philistines raided the valley. (14) David inquired of God once more, and God answered, “Do not go up after them, but circle around them and confront them at the beca trees. (15) And when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the beca trees, then go out to battle, for God will be going in front of you to attack the Philistine forces.” (16) David did as God had commanded him; and they routed the Philistines from Gibeon all the way to Gezer. (17) **David became famous throughout the lands, and the LORD put the fear of him in all the nations.**

II Samuel 6:12-23

(12) It was reported to King David: “The LORD has blessed Obed-edom’s house and all that belongs to him because of the Ark of God.” **Thereupon David went and brought up the Ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the City of David**, amid rejoicing. (13) When the bearers of the Ark of the LORD had moved forward six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. (14) **David whirled with all his might before the LORD; David was girt with a linen ephod.** (15) **Thus David and all the House of Israel brought up the Ark of the LORD with shouts and with blasts of the horn.** (16) **As the Ark of the LORD entered the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and whirling before the LORD; and she despised him for it.** (17) They brought in the Ark of the LORD and set it up in its place inside the tent which David had pitched for it, and **David sacrificed burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD.** (18) **When David finished sacrificing** the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of Hosts. (19) And he distributed among all the people—the entire multitude of Israel, man and woman alike—to each a loaf of bread, a cake made in a pan, and a raisin cake. Then all the people left for their homes. (20) David went home to greet his household. And Michal daughter of Saul came out to meet David and said, “Didn’t the king of Israel do himself honor today—exposing himself today in the sight of the slavegirls of his subjects, as one of the riffraff might expose himself!” (21) David answered Michal, “It was before the LORD who chose me instead of your father and all his family and appointed me ruler over the LORD’s people Israel! I will dance before the LORD (22) and dishonor myself even more, and be low in my own esteem; but among the slavegirls that you speak of I will be honored.” (23) So to her dying day Michal daughter of Saul had no children.

Numbers 7:9

(9) But to the Kohathites he did not give any; since theirs was the service of the [most] sacred objects, their portage was by shoulder.

Deuteronomy 10:8

(8) At that time the LORD set apart the tribe of Levi to carry the Ark of the LORD's Covenant, to stand in attendance upon the LORD, and to bless in His name, as is still the case.

Exodus 25:13-14

(13) Make poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold; (14) then insert the poles into the rings on the side walls of the ark, for carrying the ark.

Exodus 37:4-5

(4) He made poles of acacia wood, overlaid them with gold, (5) and inserted the poles into the rings on the side walls of the ark for carrying the ark.

I Chronicles 15:1-29

(1) He had houses made for himself in the City of David, and he prepared a place for the Ark of God, and pitched a tent for it. (2) **Then David gave orders that none but the Levites were to carry the Ark of God, for the LORD had chosen them to carry the Ark of the LORD and to minister to Him forever.** (3) David assembled all Israel in Jerusalem to bring up the Ark of the LORD to its place, which he had prepared for it. (4) **Then David gathered together the Aaronides and the Levites: (5) the sons of Kohath:** Uriel the officer and his kinsmen—120; (6) the sons of Merari: Asaiah the officer and his kinsmen—220; (7) the sons of Gershon: Joel the officer and his kinsmen—130; (8) the sons of Elizaphan: Shemaiah the officer and his kinsmen—200; (9) the sons of Hebron: Eliel the officer and his kinsmen—80; (10) the sons of Uzziel: Amminadab the officer and his kinsmen—112. (11) David sent for Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites: Uriel, Asaiah, Joel, Shemaiah, Eliel, and Amminadab. (12) He said to them, **“You are the heads of the clans of the Levites; sanctify yourselves, you and your kinsmen, and bring up the Ark of the LORD God of Israel to [the place] I have prepared for it.** (13) Because you were not there the first time, the LORD our God burst out against us, for we did not show due regard for Him.” (14) The priests and Levites sanctified themselves in order to bring up the Ark of the LORD God of Israel. (15) **The Levites carried the Ark of God by means of poles on their shoulders,** as Moses had commanded in accordance with the word of the LORD. (16) David ordered the officers of the Levites to install their kinsmen, **the singers, with musical instruments, harps, lyres, and cymbals, joyfully making their voices heard.** (17) So the Levites installed Heman son of Joel and, of his kinsmen, Asaph son of Berechiah; and, of the sons of Merari their kinsmen, Ethan son of Kushaiah. (18) Together with them were their

kinsmen of second rank, Zechariah, Ben, Jaaziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattithiah, Eliphalehu, Mikneiah, Obed-edom and Jeiel the gatekeepers. (19) Also the singers Heman, Asaph, and Ethan to sound the bronze cymbals, (20) and Zechariah, Aziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Maaseiah, and Benaiah with harps on alamoah; (21) also Mattithiah, Eliphalehu, Mikneiah, Obededom, Jeiel, and Azaziah, with lyres to lead on the sheminith; (22) also Chenaniah, officer of the Levites in song; he was in charge of the song because he was a master. (23) Berechiah and Elkanah were gatekeepers for the Ark. (24) Shebaniah, Joshaphat, Nethanel, Amasai, Zechariah, Benaiah, and Eliezer the priests sounded the trumpets before the Ark of God, and Obededom and Jehiah were gatekeepers for the Ark. (25) Then David and the elders of Israel and the officers of the thousands who were going to bring up the Ark of the Covenant of the LORD from the house of Obed-edom were joyful. (26) Since God helped the Levites who were carrying the Ark of the Covenant of the LORD, **they sacrificed seven bulls and seven rams.** (27) Now David and all the Levites who were carrying the Ark, and the singers and Chenaniah, officer of song of the singers, were wrapped in robes of fine linen, and **David wore a linen ephod.** (28) All Israel brought up the Ark of the Covenant of the LORD with shouts and with blasts of the horn, with trumpets and cymbals, playing on harps and lyres. (29) As the Ark of the Covenant of the LORD arrived at the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window and **saw King David leaping and dancing, and she despised him for it.**

