

David was 30 yrs old when he began to reign, 7 1/2 yrs in Hebron/Judah & 33 yrs over 11 tribes in North ch 5:4,5 – 40 years six months over all Israel.

*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 (Kirjath-Jearim 1Sam 7:1,2), 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. Acasia box covered w/ gold, manna, rod, 10 comm mercy seat-Cherubim*

In Jerusalem-city of David built a tabernacle to place the Ark as center of worship--dwelling place of God. Finally leadership for the people one who follows God & not selfish-ambition. David will seek the Lord as he goes into battle against Israel's enemies w/ God giving strategy for victory.

*Pr 29:2 NKJ When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked man rules, the people groan* People now have rest & confidence. No longer erratic leadership.... **And yet.....**

*3 And 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 (9 mi); 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.*

Abinadab a Levite from Kiriath-jearim whose home used to store the Ark of the Covenant for about 20 years. His son Eleazar chosen to oversee the Ark, & his sons Uzzah & Ahio helped David move the Ark to Jerusalem. Uzzah died touching the Ark in violation of the law **Numbers 4:15.**

Even Godly leaders have feet of clay. Human zeal can ruin godly goals. New cart not a way to carry Ark--represents God's presence. Not treat God as common or carnal. Don't handle like **hauling wheat sheaves to threshing floor** or pile stones in cart haul to property to build a wall.

They knew better...*James 4:17 Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do, and does not do it, to him it is sin.*

**Lev 10:1 Now Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took their respective firepans, and after putting fire in them, placed incense on it and offered strange fire before the LORD, which He had not commanded them. 2 And fire came out from the presence of the LORD and consumed them, and they died before the LORD. 3 Then Moses said to Aaron, "It is what the LORD spoke, saying, 'By those who come near Me I will be treated as holy, And before all the people I will be honored.'" So Aaron, therefore, kept silent.**

God instructed Moses that priest carry Ark w/ poles thru sockets on shoulders **1Chr 15:15 The sons of the Levites carried the ark of God on their shoulders with the poles thereon, as Moses had commanded according to the word of the LORD. They had no excuse.**

**2Cor 4:6 For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. 7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the surpassing greatness of the power may be of God and not from ourselves;**

David elevated as king w/ 30,000 chosen men--easy to feel **empowered** & take short cuts but not w/ God **especially** beginning stages of calling as king. Power easily blinds a person to what's **right** when take eyes off the Lord. David uses **method** of pagan Philistines to bring symbol of God's presence to Jerusalem. **Worldly methods to build the church end in disaster** **Icabod**, the Lord has departed....grieved, quenched Spirit. By David's carelessness he caused the death of one of his men. We can learn the hard way or God's way of obedience to his word.

**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.**

David had good intentions but made a bad decision. Touch or handle Ark not a good idea & only for God's chosen priests. Today still Uzzah's who ignore God prescribed ways of coming to Him thru Jesus Christ.

Any old way I want to approach the *big man upstairs*. Religion w/o relationship. Sad thing good intentions w/ bad decisions land people in hell.

*Matt 22:1-14 No wedding garment*. God has given us everything for life and godliness w/ instructions how to attain all things thru Jesus. To ignore and treat God's instructions as unnecessary & do as I please is foolish.

*8 And David became angry because of the LORD's outburst against Uzzah, and that place is called Perez-uzzah (outburst against uzzah) to this day. 9 So David was afraid of the LORD that day; and he said, "How can the ark of the LORD come to me?" 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. 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.*

Ever been angry because Lord didn't do what you thought or expected Him to do? I have, pity party, God doesn't love me like he loves others, etc.

*God's ways are not our ways and His ways are beyond finding out. Revealed things given to man hidden things given to God.* Don't try to figure God out when He does the unpredictable. His ways are perfect ours are imperfect. Anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God. God is never at fault, we are at fault, He is never wrong but we are wrong more times than we like to admit. We need to ask ourselves, *what did I do to bring this upon myself?* Did my recklessness & impatience contribute to the mess I'm in?

Notice by one mans disobedience god brought blessings to another. Obed-Edom for 3 months experienced God's blessings. As we read between the lines we have to assume he treated the Ark w/ awe & reverence.

*12 Now it was told King David, saying, "The LORD has blessed the house of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, on account of the ark of God." And 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.*

Again we must assume David repented of his wrong, got over his pouting & unjust anger against the Lord. His fear was justified... *'it is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God'*. David does things right this time-he seems overly cautious just in case *'the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom'*....*Jude 21 keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life*. Sacrifices meant dedication, consecration & atonement for sin

David is a different person being right w/ God *Ps 16:11 God will show me the path of life*...David now obedient on God's path. And *in God's presence is fullness of joy*...as David let's himself go he's full of joy & *dances before the Lord*...he is unrestrained...*w/ all his might...whatever you do in word and deed do all heartily to glory of God* Looking toward the future is part of that joy...*at God's right hand are pleasures for evermore*

*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 And when David had finished offering the burnt offering and the peace offering, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts. 19 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. Then all the people departed each to his house.*

David making everything ready for God, the people, worship and relationship at the tent of meeting. *In the zone w/ God*....feeling fulfilled after coming thru the difficulties of presumptuous sin w/ the Ark. All is on track w/ God and man. But there are critics to take the wind out of David's sails. One close to him, should be one w/ him in life and ministry, his wife. But she despised him...

Because of David's uninhibited worship, reckless abandon to God...*you never show that kind of excitement about me*". Sold out for God can create tension in the home.

*20 But when David returned to bless his household, Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David and said, "How the king of Israel distinguished himself today! He uncovered himself today in the eyes of his servants' maids as one of the foolish ones shamelessly uncovers himself!" 21 So David said to Michal, "It was before the LORD, who chose me above your father and above all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over Israel; therefore I will celebrate before the LORD. 22 "And I will be more lightly esteemed than this and will be humble in my own eyes, but with the maids of whom you have spoken, with them I will be distinguished." 23 And Michal the daughter of Saul had no child to the day of her death.*

A bitter woman—Caustic comments, put downs for enthusiastic & cheerful worship of God will ruin relationships. From joy in the Lord to harshness in the home is a marriage breaker. *'How can two walk together unless they agree'*. Particularly in spiritual matters

No child, barren because of God or because David refused to have relations w/ her. In Hebrew culture a childless married woman was looked down upon.....as Michal despised David she felt the stigma of shame the rest of her life.