

The Ark Returns

2 Samuel 6:1-23

Ch. 5-10 – 7 Major Events (Willis) (this chapter's even is highlighted)

1. Conquest of Jerusalem – Ch. 5
2. 2 victories over Philistines – Ch. 5
- 3. Bringing Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem**
4. God's prophecy that of D's posterity one would arise to build God a 'house'
5. D's victories
6. D's kindness to the son of Jonathan
7. Victories over Ammonites & Syrians

Israelites in deplorable situation – so divided there were 2 High Priests (Zadok in Gibeon & Abithar in Hebron). Unification = consolidate.

D wore an ephod like Samuel, offered sacrifices, and blessed the people (type of Christ & His Kingship, Ps. 110)

Parallel account: 1 Chr. 13:1-14; 15:1-16:3

1. Removing the Ark – v. 1-5

- 1: again (5:6). Went to Baale-Judah (Kiriath-jearim): Ark rested there for 20+ years at request of Bethshemesh, 1S 6:19-7:12
- 2: angelic armies of Heaven
- 3: direct violation: no excuse for D; must be carried by Levites on poles, Ex. 25:12-15, 37:1-5, Num. 7:9; covered by goatskin, Num. 4:15; D knew a better way, 1 Chr. 15:12-13
- 3: Uzzah: not a Levite – grand/father Abinadab was of the tribe of Judah – *everything was wrong!*
- No Levites mentioned as being present!

2. Uzzah's Mistake – v. 6-15

- None of God's commands are trivial.
- If they had followed God's commands, this would not have been an issue for Uzzah.
- 8: anger directed at calamity which he attributed to himself.
- Perez-Uzzah: the breaking forth of Uzzah

- 12: parallel account tells D followed commands the second time; D saw blessings
- 13: a potential test to see if God will strike
- 14: Ephod: small apron used on ceremonial occasions (D possibly had nothing else on). 1 Chr. 15:27: fine linen robe (possibly put aside during dancing, exposing himself).
- Word for dancing found nowhere else – idea of whirling about; conduct forbidden for priests (wear 'breeches' Ex. 28:40-43)

3. Michal's Reaction – v. 16-23

- 16: sinful for D to take her back, DT. 17:17; all of D's marriages seem to have been founded upon political, financial, or other motives – not love. She despised D for his behavior.
- 18: D acting as priest again; when the Ark was with the Philistines, they had death & destruction; blessings came to the Israelites.
- D did not deny Michal's charge against him. His only justification was he did it "before the Lord."
- Michal not trying to insult the king, she found a time to talk to him.
- 23: no children after her return to D. 5 sons are mentioned in 1S 21:10.

Lessons:

1. God gives specific commands for us for a reason. His punishments for disobedience are just because He is a righteous God. Sometimes we must pay for other people's bad decisions.
2. It is evident D exposed himself when he was doing things he shouldn't do (dancing) and wearing things he shouldn't wear (priestly garments). We sin when we change God's commands to fit our desires.
3. D gives a lousy excuse for his disobedience. God knows all – no excuse will work with God!

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