

David Establishes His Kingdom

Quote: "And said unto them, Ye are the chief of the fathers of the Levites: sanctify yourselves, both ye and your brethren, that ye may bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel unto the place that I have prepared for it. For because ye did it not at the first, the LORD our God made a breach upon us, for that we sought him not after the due order." 1 Chronicles 15:12, 13

Bible Marking **1. The Ark Comes to Zion (2 Samuel 6; 1 Chronicles 13 & 15)**

Mark at the top or bottom of 2 Samuel 6:

When David was made King, he seized control of Jerusalem, established military control, and brought the ark to Zion (see Psa 26:8). David was thinking spiritually - He desired to establish the Kingdom of God on the basis of united true worship of Yahweh.

Transporting the Ark.
 In using a cart to transport the ark, Israel was employing the Philistine method. The Philistines were permitted to do this because of their ignorance of the divine Law. A cart was used to transport most of the tabernacle. However the ark was to be veiled to keep it from the gaze of even the priests and carried on staves (Exod 25:10-14; 37:1-5) on the shoulders of the Kohathites (Num 4:5-15). Note the extreme penalty for disobedience (Deut 10:8; Num 3:5-10).

The Death of Uzzah to some at first appears unjust. He was attempting to support the ark, preventing it from damage. However this view of the events fails to understand that God is well able to look after that which is His, He does not need help from man. We can only effectively help in the service of God by doing so according to His instructions and Laws. Uzzah had lived with the ark in his house for many years. He had ample time to come to understand how Yahweh required the ark to be transported, but had failed to do so. Yahweh's judgment was therefore just and as He had warned in the Law.

Bible Marking **2. The Seven Military Campaigns of David (2 Samuel 8:1-14; 11:1; 12:26-31)**

This part is WORKSHEET 1 of your Project for this year

Using margin maps or an insert show David's conquests over the enemies of Israel. Make sure you show the regions of each campaign.

Give a brief outline in point form of the various campaigns supporting with quotes for each campaign.

In a box or table, show how these campaigns were typical of the work of a greater than David.

Useful references for this are:
 Lesson 1 Stage 3 Sunday School Book
 Story of the Bible Volume 3

