

2 Samuel 6-7

Readings this week:

S	1 Samuel 5
M	1 Samuel 6
T	2 Samuel 5
W	2 Samuel 6
Th	2 Samuel 7
F	1 Chronicles 28
S	1 Chronicles 29

One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple. Psalm 27:4

In David's time, worshipping God centred around the ark. On top of the ark was the mercy seat (or atonement cover), which was where God's presence lived among his people.

Where did David grow up? (1 Samuel 17:58)

Where was the ark? (1 Samuel 7:1-2)

Why do you think that mattered to David? (Psalm 132:6-7)

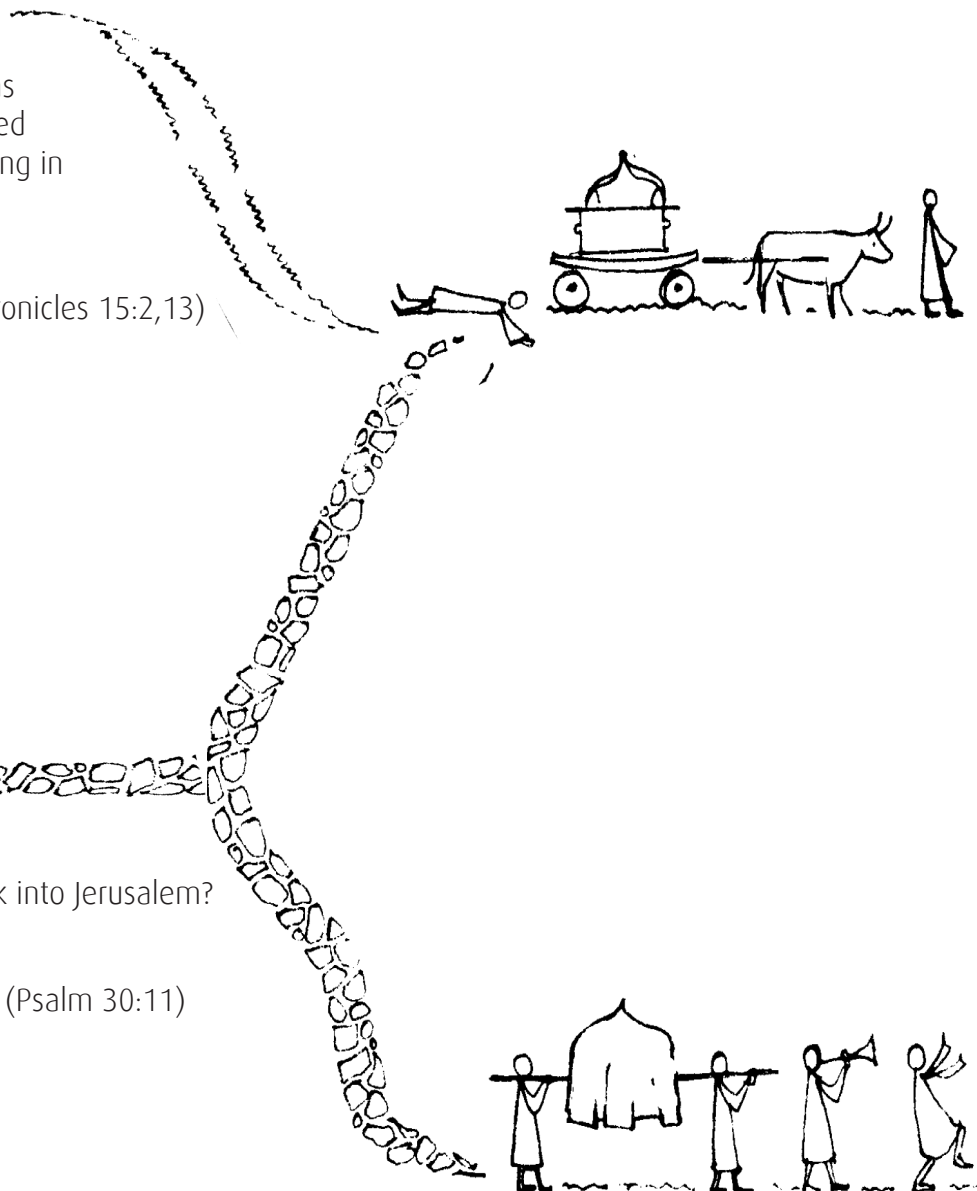
When David was an outlaw, how did he feel about the ark? (Psalm 42:1-5)



1 Chronicles 13. What was the first thing David wanted to do when he became king in Jerusalem?

What went wrong?

Why did it happen? (1 Chronicles 15:2,13)



1 Chronicles 15:25-16:3.

How did they carry the ark into Jerusalem?

What did David do?

How do you think he felt? (Psalm 30:11)

God's promises to David

David wanted to build the ark a permanent home. He wanted to make sure God's presence was permanently in the middle of His people.

God responded by giving David a wonderful promise – a promise to be with his people in a more permanent way even than a temple.

Read 2 Samuel 7:12-13. Whom is it talking about?

How do we know that the promises were not completely fulfilled in Solomon?

Could it be talking about more than one person? How?

Luke 1:30-33

How did David's son build a house for God's name?

How did Jesus build a house for God's name?

What did David do towards building a temple? (1 Chronicles 29:1-3)

David tried to put God in the centre of his life. Do you try to do that?

How could you do better?

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Promises

- David was a direct descendent of Abraham. See Matthew 1:1-6.
- The promises God made to Abraham and to David complement each other.
- Look at God's promises to Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3 and 17:1-6.
- What are the similarities to God's promise to David?
- What did God promise to David that was new?

Do we need to have a special place to worship God?

God and Jesus have said that if we follow Jesus they will be with us all the time – see John 14:23.

Look at 2 Corinthians 6:14-18. Can you see any echoes of the promise God made to David?

Digging Deeper

David's family

Do you remember who David's first wife was? 1 Samuel 17:23-25 and 19:11-16 will remind you. You can find out what happened to her in 1 Samuel 25:44, 2 Samuel 3:13-16 and 2 Samuel 6:16, 20-23.

While David was on the run he found another wife. Read 1 Samuel 25:1-42 if you don't know the story.

Make a list of wives and sons from 1 Chronicles 3:1-4 and notice another wife and more sons and a daughter in verses 5-9.

Next week you will learn about this other wife.

What does Deuteronomy 17:17 say about how many wives a king should have?

We don't know what God thought about David having so many wives but we do know what God wants for people now. Look at 1 Corinthians 7:2 and 1 Timothy 3:2

You will be able to find out more about David's sons next week.

Thank God that if we follow Jesus he will be with us all the time.