

## When

- The Book of 1 Chronicles was written several hundred years after King David's reign.

- David became king of Judah in approximately 1055 B.C, the year Saul died. David's reign spanned approximately 40 years (1055-1015 B.C.). He reigned over Judah for 7 years and 6 months, before becoming king over all Judah and Israel lasted 33 years.

- The events of chapter 15 took place 3 months after the events of chapter 13 (Uzzah and the Ark of the Covenant).

## Key Characters

- **David** – The 2nd king of Israel.
- **Obed-edom** – The Ark of the Covenant was kept in his house for 3 months after the death of Uzzah.
- **Zadok and Abiathar** – The chiefs of the priests who oversaw the care of the Ark of the Covenant.
- **Michal** – David's first wife. She was the daughter of King Saul.



## Where

- Jerusalem became known as the city of David.
- The Ark of the Covenant was brought to Jerusalem from Kiriath-jearim, where it had been neglected during the reign of Saul.

## Outline

- **PREPARATIONS FOR TRANSPORTING THE ARK OF THE COVENANT (15:1-24):**
  - + After the tragedy of Uzzah, the Ark of the Covenant was kept in the house of Obed-edom, which was somewhere between Kiriath-jearim and Jerusalem.
  - + It remained there 3 months, until David decided to bring it to Jerusalem.
  - + He commanded the priests to carry the Ark on their shoulders using special poles, which was God's prescribed way of transporting the holy items (Numbers 7:9).
  - + They were not to carry the Ark on a wagon, as they had on the occasion when Uzzah was killed.
  - + Zadok, Abiathar, and the heads of the Levitical families were to consecrate themselves for the special job of transporting the Ark.
  - + The Levites appointed men as musicians to sing and to play harps, lyres, and symbols during the Ark's procession. Verses 16-24 record the names of the men appointed.
- **THE ARK OF THE COVENANT IS BROUGHT TO JERUSALEM (15:25-28):**
  - + David invited all the Israelites to gather for the day of celebration.
  - + The Levites took the Ark from the house of Obed-edom and carried it on their shoulders towards Jerusalem.
  - + The people rejoiced and sacrifices were offered.
  - + When the Ark made it to Jerusalem, it was put in a special tent David had prepared for it.
- **MICHAL DESPISES DAVID (15:29):**
  - + When Michal saw David dancing and celebrating in the streets of Jerusalem, she "despised him in her heart."
  - + 2 Samuel 6:20-23 provides us with a few more details.
  - + Michal rebuked David for "uncovering himself" in front of the female servants during his celebration.
  - + But David told Michal his celebration was in honor of the Lord, and he did not take her rebuke to heart.

## Application

- If you can't do something right the first time, do it right the second time.
- David and the Levites failed big time when they caused Uzzah's death by ignoring God's instructions, but they did their best to listen to God on their second attempt.
- You can't always go back and fix your mistakes, but you can resolve to do things right in the future.
- Luckily, God is very patient, and He gives out lots of second chances. He gives us opportunities to change and fix our behavior.
- If you've failed in the past, but you're still here reading this application, it means God is giving you another chance to do things right the second time.