

## 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 Israel. His reign over all Judah and Israel lasted 33 years.

- The events of chapter 16 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.

- **Asaph** – He was a Levite musician who David appointed to sing songs of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord.

- **Zadok** – The priest who oversaw worship at the Tabernacle.



## Where

- David moved the Ark of the Covenant from Kiriath-jearim to Jerusalem.

- The Tabernacle remained in Gibeon (16:39).

## Outline

- **THE ARK OF THE COVENANT IS PUT IN JERUSALEM (16:1-6):**
  - + David put the Ark of the Covenant in the tent he had prepared for it.
  - + When the priests had offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, David gave all the people a gift of bread, meat, and raisin cakes.
  - + David appointed a group of Levites “to invoke, to thank, and to praise the Lord” before the Ark.
  - + They were to do this, in part, through singing and playing their instruments.
  - + Asaph was the chief of the musicians.
- **ASAPH’S SONG OF THANKSGIVING (16:7-36):**
  - + The words of one of Asaph’s songs of thanksgiving are recorded in verses 8-36.
  - + The song thanks God for His kindness to Israel and praises Him for His miracles.
  - + It mentions God’s faithfulness in fulfilling His promise to Jacob to give his descendants the land of Canaan.
  - + It recalls God’s protection over His people when enemies tried to oppress them.
  - + It exalts the God of Israel above all the idols of the pagan nations.
  - + It encouraged the people to give glory to the Lord and worship him “in the splendor of holiness” (16:29).
- **LEVITES ARE CHOSEN TO CARE FOR THE ARK AND THE TABERNACLE (16:37-43):**
  - + Asaph and his brothers were put in charge of ministry at the Ark.
  - + Obed-edom and his brothers were made gatekeepers.
  - + Zadok and his brothers went to Gibeon, to the Tabernacle, and they were responsible for offering the daily sacrifices that God prescribed in His law.
  - + When the Ark was in its tent and the festivities ended, the Israelites dispersed from Jerusalem and went to their homes.

## Application

- The song of Asaph is a good model for modern songwriters who aspire to write worship music.
- Its deep, theologically rich, and substantial in content.
- It’s a song that praises God while, at the same time, reminding the singer why God is worthy of praise.
- This is the kind of music the Church needs to thrive in the future.