

Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 47 – David Has The Ark Transported Through David Taking Bathsheba (II Samuel 6-11)

1. For what purpose did David gather thirty thousand men of Israel?

- “Again, David gathered together all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. And David arose, and went with all the people that were with him from Baale of Judah, to bring up from thence the ark of God, whose name is called by the name of the LORD of hosts that dwelleth between the cherubims. And they set the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that was in Gibeah: and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drave the new cart. And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab which was at Gibeah, accompanying the ark of God: and Ahio went before the ark” (II Samuel 6:1-4).

2. What did David and all the house of Israel use to praise God as they were accomplishing the task they set out to do?

- “And David and all the house of Israel played before the LORD on all manner of instruments made of fir wood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals” (II Samuel 6:5; cf. verses 13-15).
- David is not the author of instrumental worship as some argue from Amos 6:5.
 - Cracks me up because we don’t argue against animal sacrifices as “David is the source of them” (cf. Psalms 51:19).
- Instrumental music was used in worship long before David (Exodus 15:1; 20-21; cf. Genesis 4:21).
- We do not follow the O.T. as our Law (Hebrews 9:15-17), we simply use it to learn lessons from (Romans 15:4).
- If Jesus wanted I.M. in New Testament worship, He would have said so (Ephesians 5:10).
- Jesus specified that He wants vocal music (Matthew 26:30, Ephesians 5:19, Colossians 3:16, etc.).

3. Why was Uzzah stricken dead?

- “And when they came to Nachon's threshingfloor, Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook it. And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God” (II Samuel 6:6-7).

4. What was David’s reaction to what had occurred with Uzzah?

- “And David was displeased, because the LORD had made a breach upon Uzzah: and he called the name of the place Perezuzzah to this day. And David was afraid of the LORD that day, and said, How shall the ark of the LORD come to me? So David would not remove the ark of the LORD unto him into the city of David: but David carried it aside into the house of Obededom the Gittite. And the ark of the LORD continued in the house of Obededom the Gittite three months: and the LORD blessed Obededom, and all his household. And it was told king David, saying, The LORD hath blessed the house of Obededom, and all that pertaineth unto him, because of the ark of God. So David went

and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obededom into the city of David with gladness” (II Samuel 6:8-12).

- It is often thought that David was just displeased because Uzzah was stricken dead. If we read the above context we can see David’s demeanor changed when he found the Ark could be transported. Therefore, we must include the disappointment and fear David had in thinking the Ark might not come to Jerusalem.

5. What happened between David and Michal?

- *“And as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart. And they brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in his place, in the midst of the tabernacle that David had pitched for it: and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD. And as soon as David had made an end of offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts. And he dealt among all the people, even among the whole multitude of Israel, as well to the women as men, to every one a cake of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon of wine. So all the people departed every one to his house. Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Israel to day, who uncovered himself to day in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovereth himself! And David said unto Michal, It was before the LORD, which chose me before thy father, and before all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over Israel: therefore will I play before the LORD. And I will yet be more vile than thus, and will be base in mine own sight: and of the maidservants which thou hast spoken of, of them shall I be had in honour. Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no child unto the day of her death” (II Samuel 6:16-23).*
- Consider how sad this is in light of how much David loved her (II Samuel 3:13-16).

6. What did David want to do for the Lord and how did the Lord respond to that?

- David wanted to build a house for God. He had good intentions and even the word of Nathan the prophet. However, God did not ask David to do this “good deed”, therefore it was not a good deed (cf. II Timothy 3:16-17). God then informs David that it will be his son who builds the temple (II Samuel 7:1-17).

7. What are some significant things we can see about God in David’s praises of Him (II Samuel 7:18-29).

- (18) Then went king David in, and sat before the LORD, and he said, Who am I, O Lord GOD? and what is my house, that thou hast brought me hitherto?
- (19) And this was yet a small thing in thy sight, O Lord GOD; but thou hast spoken also of thy servant's house for a great while to come. And is this the manner of man, O Lord GOD?
- (20) And what can David say more unto thee? for thou, Lord GOD, knowest thy servant.
- (21) For thy word's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou done all these great things, to make thy servant know them.

- (22) Wherefore thou art great, O LORD God: for there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.
- (23) And what one nation in the earth is like thy people, even like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to himself, and to make him a name, and to do for you great things and terrible, for thy land, before thy people, which thou redeemedst to thee from Egypt, from the nations and their gods?
- (24) For thou hast confirmed to thyself thy people Israel to be a people unto thee for ever: and thou, LORD, art become their God.
- (25) And now, O LORD God, the word that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant, and concerning his house, establish it for ever, and do as thou hast said.
- (26) And let thy name be magnified for ever, saying, The LORD of hosts is the God over Israel: and let the house of thy servant David be established before thee.
- (27) For thou, O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, hast revealed to thy servant, saying, I will build thee an house: therefore hath thy servant found in his heart to pray this prayer unto thee.
- (28) And now, O Lord GOD, thou art that God, and thy words be true, and thou hast promised this goodness unto thy servant:
- (29) Therefore now let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may continue for ever before thee: for thou, O Lord GOD, hast spoken it: and with thy blessing let the house of thy servant be blessed for ever.

8. What does David do to the Philistines, Moabites, and the Syrians?

- He smote the Philistines and took Methegammah out of their hands (**II Samuel 8:1**).
- He smote the Moabites making some of them servants (**II Samuel 8:2**).
- He smote the Syrians gaining back the border to the Euphrates, and gaining spoil of their chariots, horseman, etc. (**II Samuel 8:3-8**).

9. What did David do with the silver and gold he received from the nations he subdued?

- He dedicated it unto the Lord (**II Samuel 8:11-12**).

10. What did the Lord do with David whithersoever he went?

- He preserved David (**II Samuel 8:14**).

11. What did David seek to do for any left of the house of Saul?

- He wanted to show them kindness for Jonathan's sake (**II Samuel 9:1**).

12. Who was Mephibosheth and what was David going to do with him?

- Mephibosheth was Jonathan's son that was lame on his feet (**II Samuel 4:4; 9:6**).
- David's intentions were good: "*And David said unto him, Fear not: for I will surely shew thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually*" (**II Samuel 9:7**).
- David did as he promised (**II Samuel 9:13**).

13. How did Mephibosheth react to David's desire?

- “And he bowed himself, and said, What is thy servant, that thou shouldest look upon such a dead dog as I am” (**II Samuel 9:8**)?

14. Who was Ziba and what did David do for him?

- Ziba was one of Saul’s servants (**II Samuel 9:2**).
- “Then the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said unto him, I have given unto thy master's son all that pertained to Saul and to all his house. Thou therefore, and thy sons, and thy servants, shall till the land for him, and thou shalt bring in the fruits, that thy master's son may have food to eat: but Mephibosheth thy master's son shall eat bread alway at my table. Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. Then said Ziba unto the king, According to all that my lord the king hath commanded his servant, so shall thy servant do. As for Mephibosheth, said the king, he shall eat at my table, as one of the king's sons. And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name was Micha. And all that dwelt in the house of Ziba were servants unto Mephibosheth” (**II Samuel 9:9-12**).

15. How did Hanun the son of Nahash, who had died, respond to David’s kindness?

- “And it came to pass after this, that the king of the children of Ammon died, and Hanun his son reigned in his stead. Then said David, I will shew kindness unto Hanun the son of Nahash, as his father shewed kindness unto me. And David sent to comfort him by the hand of his servants for his father. And David's servants came into the land of the children of Ammon. And the princes of the children of Ammon said unto Hanun their lord, Thinkest thou that David doth honour thy father, that he hath sent comforters unto thee? hath not David rather sent his servants unto thee, to search the city, and to spy it out, and to overthrow it? Wherefore Hanun took David's servants, and shaved off the one half of their beards, and cut off their garments in the middle, even to their buttocks, and sent them away” (**II Samuel 10:1-4**).

16. What happens as a result of Hanun’s actions?

- The men David sent (**II Samuel 10:1-4**), who were embarrassed, were sent to Jericho until their beards grew back (**II Samuel 10:5**).

17. How did the Syrians end up making peace with Israel and ceasing to aid the children of Ammon?

- They saw that they were defeated in the battle which began after what we discussed in question 16 (**II Samuel 10:15-19**).

18. How did Bathsheba end up in David’s bed?

- “And it came to pass, after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth to battle, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried still at Jerusalem. And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon. And David sent and enquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite? And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her;

for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house” (II Samuel 11:1-4).

19. Did David impregnate Bathsheba?

- Yes, (**II Samuel 11:5**).

20. What was David’s first “plan” to cover up his sin? Did it work?

- David tried hard to get Uriah to lie with Bathsheba to conceal her fornication and cause a falsehood about whose child was growing in Bathsheba (**II Samuel 11:6-13**).
- Uriah was too noble for this to work. He refused to have such luxuries while the people were at war and the ark was in a tent (**II Samuel 11:9-11; 13**).

21. What was David’s second “plan” to cover up his sin?

- He sent Uriah to the forefront of the hottest battle that he may be smitten and die (**II Samuel 11:14-15**).
- This sinful plan worked (**II Samuel 11:16-24**).

22. With Uriah “out of the way”, what does David do with Bathsheba?

- After Bathsheba mourned Uriah’s death, David married her (**II Samuel 11:26-27**).