

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

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

David's Seven Military Campaigns (Mark above or below 2 Samuel 8)

1. Philistia - 2 Samuel 5:17-21,22-25; 1 Chronicles 14:9-17; 2 Samuel 8:1; 1 Chronicles 18:1
2. Moab - 2 Samuel 8:2; 1 Chronicles 18:2
3. Zobah - 2 Samuel 8:3-8; 1 Chronicles 18:2-8
4. Edom - 2 Samuel 8:13-14; 1 Chronicles 18:11-13
5. Ammon - 2 Samuel 10:6-10; 1 Chronicles 19:1-15
6. Syria - 2 Samuel 10:15-19; 1 Chronicles 19:16-19
7. Ammon - 2 Samuel 11:1; 12:26-31; 1 Chronicles 20:1-3

THE TYPE:

David was elevated first by his own people in Hebron (fellowship), and then over all the tribes in Jerusalem. Christ will be honoured by his saints in fellowship at Sinai, before he assumes the throne at Jerusalem over all the tribes of the earth.

David first cleared Zion of the enemy (2 Sam 5:6-10). Christ will do likewise (Zech 14:3-5).

David then brought the ark to the city (2 Sam 6). Christ and the redeemed as the antitypical ark will enter Jerusalem after the defeat of Gog.(see Psalm 24).

David then extended the Kingdom by seven separate military campaigns. Christ will do likewise. Christ and the saints will go forth as the Rainbow Angel (Rev 10:1-7) with feet on both the sea and the land - exercising universal dominion (Psa 149:7-9; Rev 17:14). Prophecies such as Zech 9:13-15; Mic 4:13; 7:16 show how the restored nation of Israel will assist in the subduing of the Gentile powers.

Thus by seven thunders (Rev 10:3) the power of every nation will be broken and every nation will be brought into submission to Christ - "For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted." Isaiah 60:12. See also Zech 14:9; Psa 2:8; 72:8.

David thus extended his borders almost to the extent promised to Abraham (Gen 15:18; 1 Chron 18:3; 1 Kg 4:21).

Thus all Israel's boundaries were secure, and David's empire was at peace. This typically represents the future, more glorious, kingdom of Jesus Christ, when "he shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth. They that dwell in the wilderness

(like the Ammonites) shall bow before him; and his enemies (like the Syrians) shall lick the dust... yea, all kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall serve him" (Psalm 72:8-11).

The Ark Comes to Zion

(2 Samuel 6; 1 Chronicles 13 & 15) (Mark above or below 2 Samuel 6)

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 25:10-15; 37:1-5) on the shoulders of the Kohathites (Num 4:4-15). Note the divinely prescribed penalty for disobedience (Num 4:15-20).

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.