

# 1 & 2 Samuel Series

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THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S  
DAVID MOVES THE ARK

2 SAMUEL 6:5–12

**1A God blesses David and he unites and expands the kingdom. 2 Sam. 2–10**

**2A God disciplines David for his sins and David reaps the consequences. But God transforms cursing into blessing.  
2 Sam. 11–20**

**3A Six appendices that evidence the greatness of the Davidic Covenant.  
2 Sam. 21–24**

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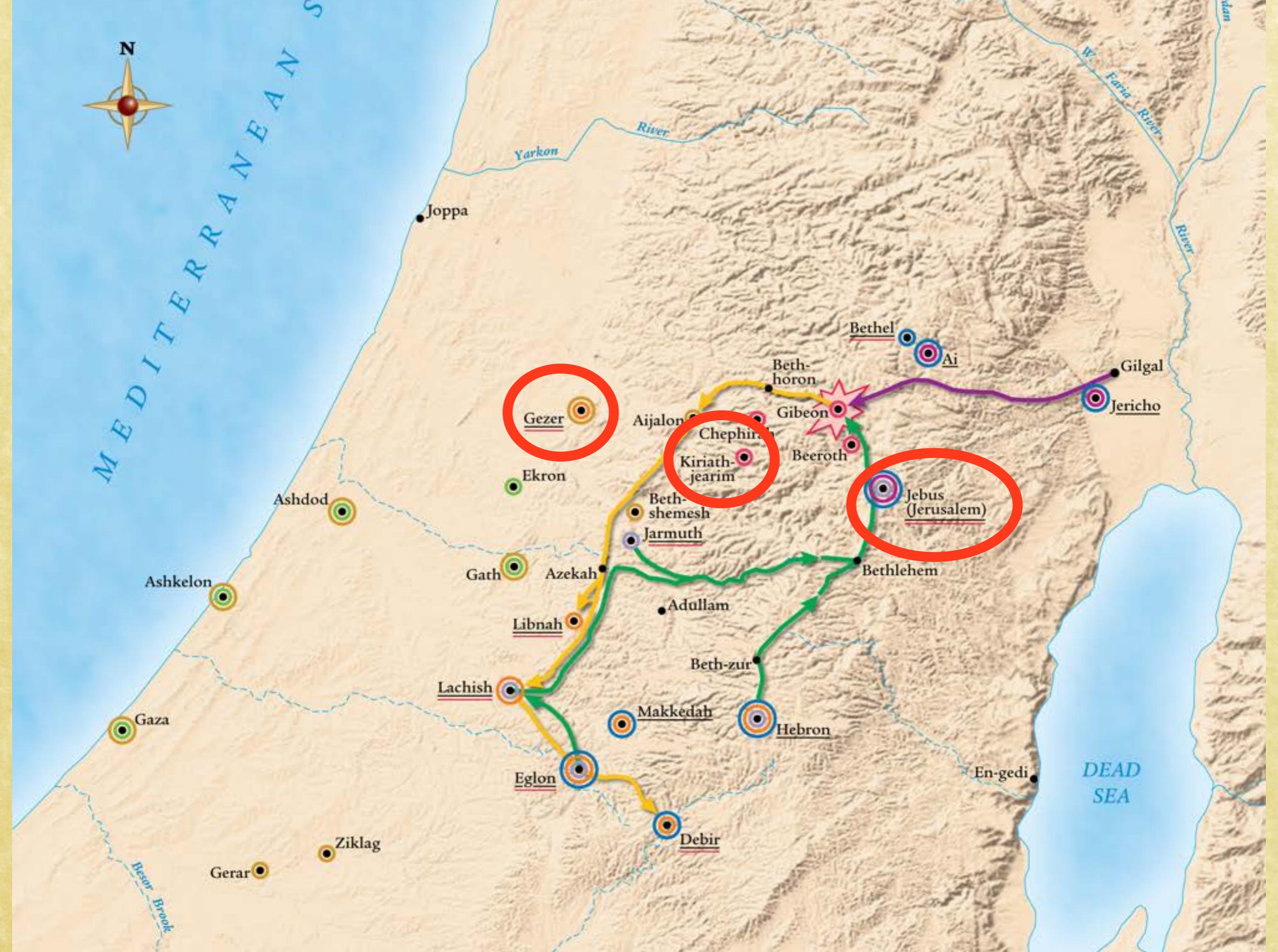
**1B The beginning of David's kingdom, 2 Sam. 2:1–4:12**

**2B God gives David control over Jerusalem, 2 Sam. 5:1–25**

**3B God is enthroned in Jerusalem, 2 Sam. 6**

**2 Sam. 6:1, “Again David gathered all the choice men of Israel, thirty thousand.**

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Yarkon River

Faria River

Joppa

Bethel

Ai

Gilgal

Jericho

Gezer

Aijalon

Chephirah

Gibeon

Beeroth

Jebus (Jerusalem)

Ekron

Kiriath-jearim

Beth-shemesh

Jarmuth

Ashdod

Ashkelon

Gath

Azekah

Bethlehem

Libnah

Adullam

Beth-zur

Lachish

Makkedah

Hebron

Gaza

En-gedi

DEAD SEA

Eglon

Debir

Gerar

Ziklag

Beor Brook

# The History of the Ark of the Covenant



**Exodus 25:22, “And there I will meet with you; and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are upon the ark of the testimony, I will speak to you about all that I will give you in commandment for the sons of Israel.”**



# Ark of the Covenant

Made of acacia wood  
with pure gold overlay:  
4.5 ft long  
2.25 ft wide  
2.25 ft high  
(Ex 25:10)

The ark was a symbol of  
the presence and glory  
of God (Nu 14:43).

The testimony of the Lord  
written on two stone tablets  
given to Moses on Mt. Sinai  
were the only items inside  
the ark (1 Kings 8:9).

Sometimes called:  
"Ark of God" (1 Sa 4:21, 22)  
"Ark of God's Strength" (Ps 132:8)  
"Ark of the Testimony" (Ex 30:6).



**Num. 4:5, “When the camp sets out, Aaron and his sons shall go in and they shall take down the veil of the screen and cover the ark of the testimony with it;**

**Num. 4:6, “and they shall lay a covering of porpoise skin on it, and shall spread over it a cloth of pure blue, and shall insert its poles.”**

Deut. 10:8, “At that time the LORD set apart **the tribe of Levi to carry the ark of the covenant of the LORD**, to stand before the LORD to serve Him and to bless in His name until this day.”

Num. 7:9, “But he did not give *any* to the sons of **Kohath because theirs was the service of the holy *objects*, which they carried on the shoulder.”**

**Josh. 3:10, “And Joshua said, ‘By this you shall know that the living God is among you, and that He will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Hivites and the Perizzites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Jebusites:**

**Josh. 3:11, “ ‘Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is crossing over ahead of you into the Jordan.**

**Josh. 3:12, “ ‘Now then, take for yourselves twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one man for each tribe.’ ”**

**Josh. 3:13, “And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, that the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off, the waters that come down from upstream, and they shall stand as a heap.”**





**Josh. 3:14, “So it was, when the people set out from their camp to cross over the Jordan, with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people,”**

**Josh. 3:15, “and when those who carried the ark came into the Jordan, and the feet of the priests carrying the ark were dipped in the edge of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its banks all the days of harvest),”**



**Josh. 3:16, “the waters which were flowing down from above stood and rose up in one heap, a great distance away at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan; and those which were flowing down toward the sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. So the people crossed opposite Jericho.”**



Josh. 3:17, “And the priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan while all Israel crossed on dry ground, until all the nation had finished crossing the Jordan.”



**Josh. 6:3**, “You shall march around the city, all the men of war circling the city once. You shall do so for six days.

**Josh. 6:4**, “Also seven priests shall carry seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark; then on the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets.”



**Josh. 6:5, “It shall be that when they make a long blast with the ram’s horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and the people will go up every man straight ahead.**

**Josh. 6:6, “So Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, ‘Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests carry seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark of the LORD.’ ”**



**1 Sam. 4:3, “When the people came into the camp, the elders of Israel said, ‘Why has the LORD defeated us today before the Philistines? Let us take to ourselves from Shiloh the ark of the covenant of the LORD, that it may come among us and deliver us from the power of our enemies.’ ”**



**1 Sam. 4:4, “So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from there the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts, who dwells between the cherubim. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God.”**



**1 Sam. 4:10, “So the Philistines fought and Israel was defeated, and every man fled to his tent; and the slaughter was very great, for there fell of Israel thirty thousand foot soldiers.**

**1 Sam. 4:11, “And the ark of God was taken; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, died.”**



**1 Sam. 4:22**, “And she said, ‘The glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of God has been captured.’”

**1 Sam. 5:1**, “Then the Philistines took the ark of God and brought it from Ebenezer to Ashdod.”



# MOVEMENTS OF THE ARK

- ① Numbered movements of the ark
- City
- ★ Battle scene
- Route of the ark (in Israelite hands)
- Philistines merge at Aphek to join battle
- Route of the ark (in Philistine hands)



**1 Sam. 6:13**, “Now *the people of Beth-shemesh* were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley, and they raised their eyes and saw the ark and were glad to see *it.*”

**1 Sam. 6:15**, “The Levites took down the ark of the LORD and the box that was with it, in which were the articles of gold, and put them on the large stone; and the men of Beth-shemesh offered burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices that day to the LORD.”

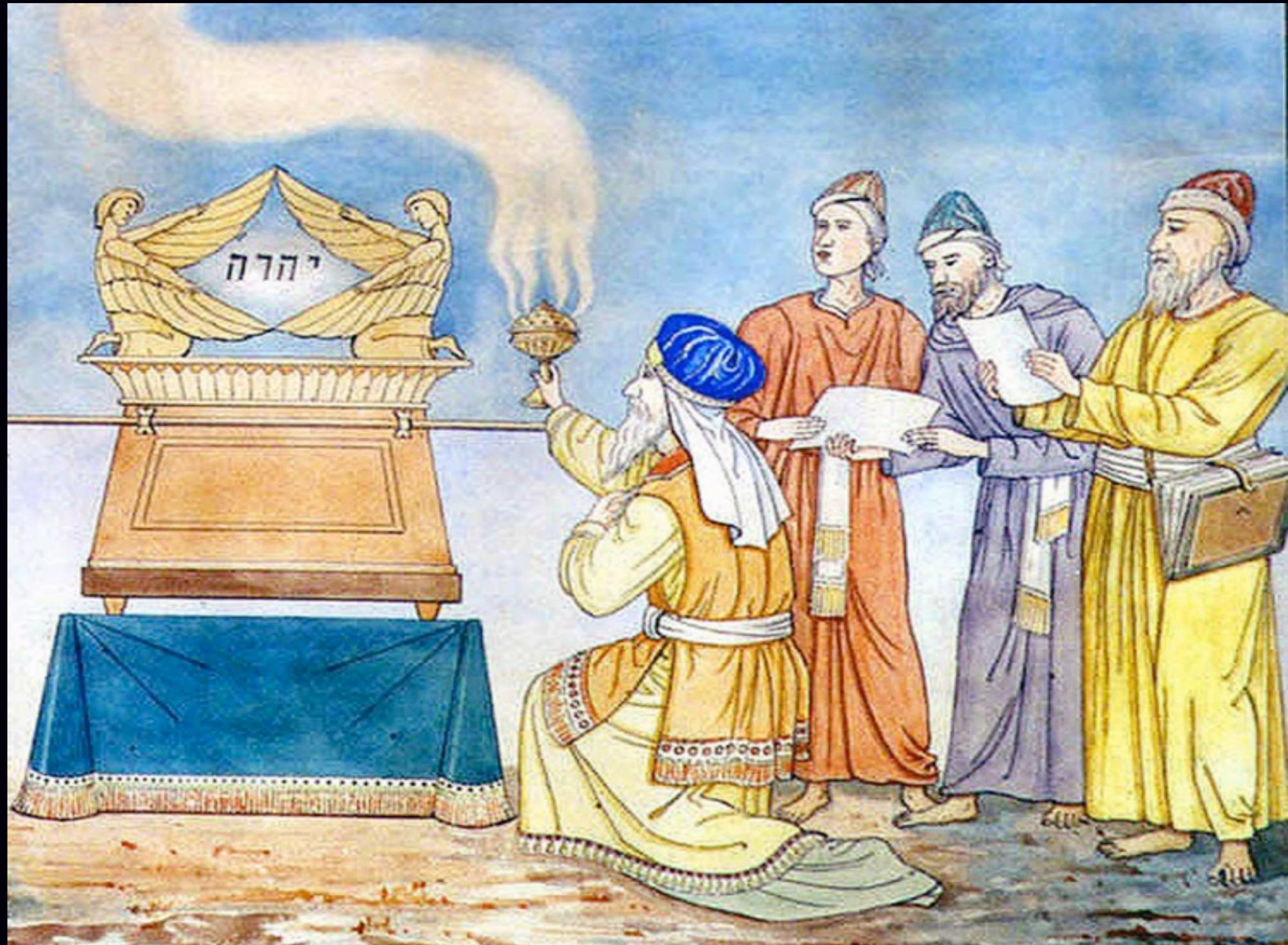


“And He [God] struck down some of the men of Beth-shemesh because they had looked into the ark of the LORD. He struck down of all the people, [50,0]70 men, and the people mourned because the LORD had struck the people with a great slaughter. And the men of Beth-shemesh said, ‘Who is able to stand before the LORD, this holy God? And to whom shall He go up from us?’”

1 Samuel 6:19–20



**1 Samuel 7:1, “And the men of Kiriath-jearim came and took the ark of the LORD and brought it into the house of Abinadab on the hill, and consecrated Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the LORD.”**



**I. God demonstrates that He is Holy, He is  
in Control, and He is Sufficient,  
2 Sam. 6:1–11**

**2 Sam. 6:1, “Again David gathered all the choice [*bachur*] men of Israel, thirty thousand.”**

**1 Chron. 13:1, “Then David consulted with the captains of thousands and hundreds, and with every leader.**

**1 Chron. 13:2, “And David said to all the assembly of Israel, ‘If it seems good to you, and if it is of the LORD our God, let us send out to our brethren everywhere who are left in all the land of Israel, and with them to the priests and Levites who are in their cities and their common-lands, that they may gather together to us;’ ”**

**1 Chron. 13:3, “and let us bring the ark of our God back to us, for we have not inquired at it since the days of Saul.”**

**1 Chron. 13:4, “Then all the assembly said that they would do so, for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people.”**

**1 Chron. 13:5, “So David gathered all Israel together, from Shihor [the river] in Egypt to as far as the entrance of Hamath, to bring the ark of God from Kirjath Jearim.**

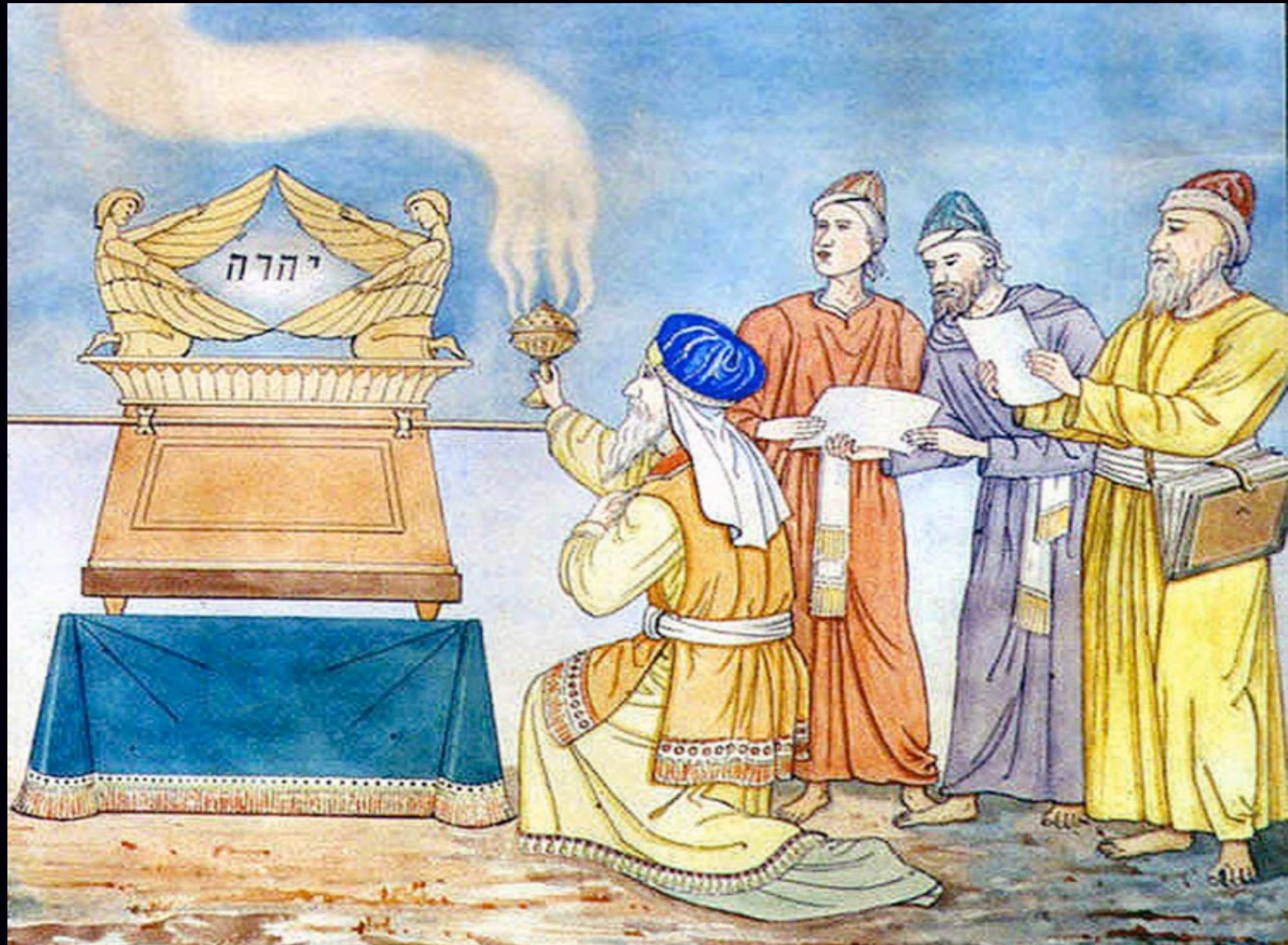
**1 Chron. 13:6, “And David and all Israel went up to Baalah, to Kirjath Jearim, which belonged to Judah, to bring up from there the ark of God the LORD, who dwells between the cherubim, where His name is proclaimed.”**

**2 Sam. 6:2, “And David arose and went with all the people who were with him from Baale Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, whose name is called by the Name, the LORD of Hosts, who dwells between the cherubim.”**

**1 Sam. 4:4, “So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from there the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts, who dwells [is enthroned] between the cherubim. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God.”**

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**1 Sam. 7:2, “So it was that the ark remained in Kirjath Jearim a long time; it was there twenty years. And all the house of Israel lamented after the LORD.”**



**2 Sam. 6:3, “So they set the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill; and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drove the new cart.”**



**Ex. 25:15, “The poles shall be in the rings of the ark; they shall not be taken from it.”**

**Num. 4:5, “When the camp prepares to journey, Aaron and his sons shall come, and they shall take down the covering veil and cover the ark of the Testimony with it.**

**Num. 4:6, “Then they shall put on it a covering of badger skins, and spread over that a cloth entirely of blue; and they shall insert its poles.”**

**Num. 4:15, “And when Aaron and his sons have finished covering the sanctuary and all the furnishings of the sanctuary, when the camp is set to go, then the sons of Kohath shall come to carry them; but they shall not touch any holy thing, lest they die. ‘These are the things in the tabernacle of meeting which the sons of Kohath are to carry.’ ”**

**Num. 7:9, “But he did not give *any* to the sons of Kohath because theirs *was* the service of the holy *objects*, *which* they carried on the shoulder.”**

**1 Chron. 15:13, “ ‘For because you did not do it the first time, the LORD our God broke out against us, because we did not consult Him about the proper order.’**

**1 Chron. 15:14, “So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel.**

**1 Chron. 15:15, “And the children of the Levites bore the ark of God on their shoulders, by its poles, as Moses had commanded according to the word of the LORD.”**

**2 Sam. 6:4, “And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill, accompanying the ark of God; and Ahio went before the ark.”**



**2 Sam. 6:5, “Then David and all the house of Israel played music before the LORD on all kinds of instruments of fir wood, on harps, on stringed instruments, on tambourines, on sistrums, and on cymbals.”**

**2 Sam. 6:6, “And when they came to Nachon’s threshing floor, Uzzah put out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled.”**

**Isa. 41:7, “So the craftsman encouraged the goldsmith; He who smooths with the hammer inspired him who strikes the anvil, saying, ‘It is ready for the soldering’; Then he fastened it with pegs, that it might not totter.”**

**Isa. 46:1, “Bel bows down, Nebo stoops; Their idols were on the beasts and on the cattle. Your carriages were heavily loaded, a burden to the weary beast.”**

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**2 Sam. 6:7, “Then the anger of the LORD was aroused against Uzzah, and God struck him there for his error; and he died there by the ark of God.**

**2 Sam. 6:8, “And David became angry because of the LORD’S outbreak against Uzzah; and he called the name of the place Perez Uzzah to this day.”**

**2 Sam. 6:9, “David was afraid of the LORD that day; and he said, ‘How can the ark of the LORD come to me?’”**

**2 Sam. 6:10, “So David would not move the ark of the LORD with him into the City of David; but David took it aside into the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite.”**

**2 Sam. 6:11, “The ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite three months. And the LORD blessed Obed-Edom and all his household.”**