

>>> Fall Bible Study - Ark of the Covenant

>>> Week 8 - "The Ark is Called by the Name"

2 Samuel chapters 5:1-12; 6 & 7:1-17; also 1 Chronicles 13-17

A. The Ark of the Covenant has been through some different settings. After being taken to Shiloh (the new worship center in the Promised Land), the Israelite army decide to take it into battle against the Philistine army because of an

initial defeat. While the Philistines are initially scared, saying, “A god has entered the battle on behalf of the Israelites,” the Ark is captured because of the **irreverence** of its caretakers, Eli’s sons, Hophni and Phineas, who also die in the battle. Moreover, Eli (back in Shiloh) hears news of the Ark being captured and he dies. The saying **Ichabod** is declared to symbolize, “God’s glory has departed from Israel.” The Ark is moved by the Philistines to Ashdod, Ekron and Gath where the people suffer rats, plagues, tumors

and death. The Ark is ultimately returned to Israel and resides in Kiriath-jearim (20+ years) under the care of Eleazar. Samuel is the new judge and priestly leader. (see map)

B. The days of judges are gone and the nation enters the period of kings in the book of 1 Samuel. Samuel anoints Saul (chapters 9-10), of the the Tribe of Benjamin and the peoples choice, as the 1st king. Samuel anoints David (chapter 16), of the Tribe of Judah

and God's choice as the nation's 2nd king. Transition to David leadership is confirmed by several key events:

- i. Anointing of David over all of Israel (5:1)
- ii. Covenant between Israel and David (5:1-5)
- iii. Capture of Jerusalem (5:7)
- iv. Defeat of the Philistines (5:17-25)
- v. transfer of the Ark to Jerusalem (6:1-19)
- vi. establishment of the Davidic Covenant (7:1-29)

We begin tonight with David assembling the tribal leaders at Hebron.

C. Week 8 Exercises:

1. 2 Samuel 5:1-12

a. numerology? verses 4-5 —
40 yrs (judgment, testing); 30
yrs, Christ was 30 yrs old at start of
ministry;

David is the God-chosen
leader; 7 yrs (completion; Judah) —
reigned 33 yrs, Christ died at
age 33; David is born in Bethlehem

b. Names of the “City.”

Jerusalem, City of David, Zion,
Salem, Jebus,

Shalom, City of Peace

c. Verses 10-12, David... Man
after God’s own heart — the Lord is
with Him

2. 2 Samuel 6:1-23; 7:1-17

a. mistake in moving the Ark?
placed on a new cart instead of
carried by Levitical priests;
result? Uzzah dies

Baale-judah = Kiriath-jearim

b. reason for Uzzah’s death?

fair? two wrongs don't make a right
speak about poor
leadership? Poor leadership can
lead us to peril

c. Ark taken where next?
Obed-Edom's house outcome?

d. Describe scene of Ark
paraded into the City of David?

It was carried as opposed to,
on a cart; people with instruments,
music

Everyone joyous? Michal

e. Chapter 7, David's desire for
the Ark?

He wanted to build a

permanent structure for the Ark;

he lived in palace;

Prophet Nathan says? go
ahead and do what's in your heart
then tells David God forbids
you be the one to build;

v13 He will build a house for
My name

Literary and spiritual
meaning —

“I will be a father to Him—
His throne will be forever”

f. Are verses 10b-16,
prophesies of Jesus?

14b— **when He does**

wrong I will discipline Him

**3. Compare 1 Chronicles 13;
15:1-15, 25-29; 16:1-6; & 17:1-15**

a. Any major differences in 13,
15 & 16 from 2 Samuel text?

b. [*JEPD]>> 2 Samuel text

Yahwist?

1 Chronicles text

is Priestly?

J- Judah, history and
Southern Kingdom, Levitical priest;
worship

not central to a place

E - Israel, history of Northern

Kingdom, worship can be done
anywhere

P - no anthropomorphism,
established Aaron legacy as Priests

What are the clues:

Priestly does not
anthropomorphize— take strict care
of Levitical duties

c. Does [*Chptr 17:10b-14],
read different than 2 Sam 10b-16?
Why?

d. Will the term “Ichabod” ever
be declared again based on these
text?

Concerning the church...

QUESTIONS on week 8 lesson—

*Gifts: