

David And Wife Michal

on Dancing to Celebrate Ark of God

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What We Will Learn

- All Israel unified under David as king
- He captured Jerusalem from the Jebusites
- Defeated Philistines twice
- Brought the Ark of God to Jerusalem
- Wife Michal despised and insulted him
- For dancing in public to celebrate Ark of God
- 2 Samuel 5 and 6

Unified Israel Anoints David King

- All tribes of Israel united under David
- Acknowledged same flesh and blood
- Led Israel on military campaigns under Saul
- God already selected him as king of Israel
- David made agreement with all Israel
- They anointed him king
- 2 Samuel 5:1–5

2 Samuel 5 (NIV)

- 1 All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, "We are your own flesh and blood.
- 2 In the past, while Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel on their military campaigns. And the LORD said to you, 'You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become their ruler.' "
- 3 When all the elders of Israel had come to King David at Hebron, the king made a compact with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel.
- 4 David was thirty years old when he became king, and he reigned forty years.
- 5 In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

David Takes Jerusalem

- Defeated Jebusites, a Canaanite tribe
- Settled in Fortress of Zion
- Named the fortress “City of David”
- Hiram, king of Tyre, built palace for David
- David settled down as king of Israel
- 2 Samuel 5:6–12

2 Samuel 5 (NIV)

6 The king and his men marched to Jerusalem to attack the Jebusites, who lived there. The Jebusites said to David, "You will not get in here; even the blind and the lame can ward you off." They thought, "David cannot get in here."

7 Nevertheless, David captured the fortress of Zion, the City of David.

8 On that day, David said, "Anyone who conquers the Jebusites will have to use the water shaft to reach those 'lame and blind' who are David's enemies. " That is why they say, "The 'blind and lame' will not enter the palace."

9 David then took up residence in the fortress and called it the City of David. He built up the area around it, from the supporting terraces inward.

2 Samuel 5 (NIV)

10 And he became more and more powerful, because the LORD God Almighty was with him.

11 Now Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, along with cedar logs and carpenters and stonemasons, and they built a palace for David.

12 And David knew that the LORD had established him as king over Israel and had exalted his kingdom for the sake of his people Israel.

David Defeats Philistines

- Philistines setup in Valley of Rephaim
- To attack Israel
- Israel, led by David, defeated Philistines
- Philistines setup for battle once more
- God advised David to attack from behind
- Israelites destroyed the Philistines
- 2 Samuel 5:17–25

2 Samuel 5 (NIV)

17 When the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king over Israel, they went up in full force to search for him, but David heard about it and went down to the stronghold.

18 Now the Philistines had come and spread out in the Valley of Rephaim;

19 so David inquired of the LORD, "Shall I go and attack the Philistines? Will you hand them over to me?" The LORD answered him, "Go, for I will surely hand the Philistines over to you."

20 So David went to Baal Perazim, and there he defeated them. He said, "As waters break out, the LORD has broken out against my enemies before me." So that place was called Baal Perazim.

21 The Philistines abandoned their idols there, and David and his men carried them off.

2 Samuel 5 (NIV)

22 Once more the Philistines came up and spread out in the Valley of Rephaim;

23 so David inquired of the LORD, and he answered, "Do not go straight up, but circle around behind them and attack them in front of the balsam trees.

24 As soon as you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the balsam trees, move quickly, because that will mean the LORD has gone out in front of you to strike the Philistine army."

25 So David did as the LORD commanded him, and he struck down the Philistines all the way from Gibeon to Gezer.

David Attempts to Bring The Ark to Jerusalem

- Was in the house of Abinadab on a hill
- David took 30,000 men to escort the Ark
- They celebrated as the Ark rode toward Jerusalem on ox-driven cart
- Uzzah handled the Ark and died on the spot
- David was afraid of God and the Ark
- Sent Ark to house of Obed-Edom
- 2 Samuel 6:1–10

2 Samuel 6 (NIV)

- 1 David again brought together out of Israel chosen men, thirty thousand in all.
- 2 He and all his men set out from Baalah of Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the Name, the name of the LORD Almighty, who is enthroned between the cherubim that are on the ark.
- 3 They set the ark of God on a new cart and brought it from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, were guiding the new cart
- 4 with the ark of God on it, and Ahio was walking in front of it.
- 5 David and the whole house of Israel were celebrating with all their might before the LORD, with songs and with harps, lyres, tambourines, sistrums and cymbals.

2 Samuel 6 (NIV)

6 When they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah reached out and took hold of the ark of God, because the oxen stumbled.

7 The LORD's anger burned against Uzzah because of his irreverent act; therefore God struck him down and he died there beside the ark of God.

8 Then David was angry because the LORD's wrath had broken out against Uzzah, and to this day that place is called Perez Uzzah.

9 David was afraid of the LORD that day and said, "How can the ark of the LORD ever come to me?"

10 He was not willing to take the ark of the LORD to be with him in the City of David. Instead, he took it aside to the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite.

David Brings The Ark to Jerusalem

- God blessed house of Obed-Edom
- Because of the Ark
- After 3 months, David and his people brought the Ark to the City of David
- With music, dancing, and rejoicing
- Set the Ark in its place: a tent in the city
- 2 Samuel 6:11–15 and 17–19

2 Samuel 6 (NIV)

11 The ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite for three months, and the LORD blessed him and his entire household.

12 Now King David was told, "The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-Edom and everything he has, because of the ark of God." So David went down and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with rejoicing.

13 When those who were carrying the ark of the LORD had taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf.

14 David, wearing a linen ephod, danced before the LORD with all his might,

15 while he and the entire house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouts and the sound of trumpets.

2 Samuel 6 (NIV)

17 They brought the ark of the LORD and set it in its place inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and David sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before the LORD.

18 After he had finished sacrificing the burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD Almighty.

19 Then he gave a loaf of bread, a cake of dates and a cake of raisins to each person in the whole crowd of Israelites, both men and women. And all the people went to their homes.

Michal Insults David for Exuberance

- Dressed in linen ephod, David danced with all his might as they brought the Ark
- Wife Michal despised him in her heart
- Insulted David as he came to bless his household
- David responded with defiance
- Michal remained childless through her life
- 2 Samuel 6:16 and 20–23

2 Samuel 6 (NIV)

16 As the ark of the LORD was entering the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, she despised him in her heart.

2 Samuel 6 (NIV)

20 When David returned home to bless his household, Michal daughter of Saul came out to meet him and said, "How the king of Israel has distinguished himself today, disrobing in the sight of the slave girls of his servants as any vulgar fellow would!"

21 David said to Michal, "It was before the LORD, who chose me rather than your father or anyone from his house when he appointed me ruler over the LORD's people Israel—I will celebrate before the LORD.

22 I will become even more undignified than this, and I will be humiliated in my own eyes. But by these slave girls you spoke of, I will be held in honor."

23 And Michal daughter of Saul had no children to the day of her death.

Why David Celebrated The Ark

- The Ark did not have a home
- Temporarily at the home of Abinadab
- Has been there since Philistines returned it
- Ark was taken from Eli to war
- Philistines captured the Ark
- Sent Ark back to Israel after 7 months

Why David Celebrated cont'd

- Pitched tent for the Ark in the City of David
- Failed in 1st attempt to bring the Ark
- Major concern for David
- “How can the ark of the LORD ever come to me?” [2 Samuel 6:9]
- 2nd attempt to return the Ark succeeded
- Major accomplishment to all Israel

Why David Celebrated cont'd

- David desired the Ark in Jerusalem
- But was apprehensive
- Made elaborate plan to celebrate the Ark
- Danced with all his might to celebrate as the Ark finally made its way to Jerusalem
- Danced to the Lord in celebration

Michal's Failure

- Did not respect David's reverence for God
- Did not share David's love for worship
- Did not share David's vision
- Should have joined the celebration if she understood what it meant to David

What We Learned from David-Michal Interactions

- Important to understand somebody's vision before joining the person
- What is important to him/her?
- What does he/she want to accomplish?
- How does he/she go about it?
- If you don't share the vision, don't join
- If a potential ally does not share your vision, don't admit him/her