

FINAL STUDY NOTES – 1 Chronicles Chapters 15-16 6/15-16/2026

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OPENING PRAYER

LAST WEEK *Chapter 12* - The Growth of David's Army; David's Army at Hebron. *Chapter 13* The Ark Brought from Kirjath Jearim. *Chapter 14* – David Established at Jerusalem The Philistines Defeated.

THIS WEEK: 1 Chronicles Chapter 15 – The Ark Brought to Jerusalem – (*vs. 1-29*). **Chapter 16** – The Ark Placed in the Tabernacle – (*vs. 1-6*); David's Song of thanksgiving – (*vs. 7-36*); Regular Worship Maintained - (*vs. 27-43*).

The Ark Brought to Jerusalem

1Ch 15:1 David built houses for himself in the City of David; and he prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched a tent for it.

- **David had made an aborted attempt to bring the ark of the covenant back to Jerusalem**, having become the king over all of Israel. When Uzza had put forth his hand to steady the ark, the LORD smote him and he died. Thus, David left the ark at the house of Obed-Edom. "He was afraid," it said, "of God that day, saying, How shall I bring the ark home to me?"
- **David built houses in the city of David.** Chapter fourteen tells us of the palace that was made for him, through the gift of Hiram, the king of Tyre.
- **Apparently David's original intent was to bring the ark of the covenant to his own house**, until he saw what happened to Uzza, and he figured, "I can't dwell with that ark!"
- **He then made a tent in Jerusalem, for the ark of the covenant.** The tent was probably modeled after the tabernacle. However, the tabernacle did exist without the ark of the covenant in Gibeon, where the sacrifices were still being offered by the priests.

1Ch 15:2 Then David said, "No one may carry the ark of God but the Levites, for the LORD has chosen them to carry the ark of God and to minister before Him forever."

- Now it had been three months since the attempt to bring in the ark of God. During that time, David erected a tent for it, when it arrived in Jerusalem, but he also began to search the scriptures to find out just how things should be done. In searching the scriptures, he found that no one was to bear the ark of the covenant except the Levites. So, David is here declaring that, "No one may carry the ark of God, but the Levites."

1Ch 15:3-12 And David gathered all Israel together at Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the LORD to its place, which he had prepared for it. [4] Then David assembled the children of Aaron and the Levites: [5] of the sons of Kohath, Uriel the chief, and one hundred and twenty of his brethren; [6] of the sons of Merari, Asaiah the chief, and two hundred and twenty of his brethren; [7] of the sons of Gershom, Joel the chief, and one hundred and thirty of his brethren; [8] of the sons of Elizaphan, Shemaiah the chief, and two hundred of his brethren; [9] of the sons of Hebron, Eliel the chief, and eighty of his brethren; [10] of the sons of Uzziel, Amminadab the chief, and one hundred and twelve of his brethren. (862 in all). [11] And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites: for Uriel, Asaiah, Joel, Shemaiah, Eliel, and Amminadab. [12] He said to them, "You are the heads of the fathers' houses of the Levites; sanctify yourselves, you and your brethren, that you may bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel to the place I have prepared for it.

- David's command to these Levites was to sanctify themselves. This was through the ritual washing that they might be clean, from a ceremonial standpoint, so that they might bring the ark of the covenant back to Jerusalem.

1Ch 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."

- **There is a right way of doing things, there is a wrong way of doing things, and the end does not justify the means in a spiritual sense.** David had a good desire to bring the ark of the covenant back to Jerusalem, in order that they might create a place of worship for the people, establishing the ark of the covenant; that the priests might be there continually, offering their praises to the LORD. He had a good desire. He went about it the wrong way. He did not inquire of the LORD as to His methods, by which it should be accomplished. David now recognizes his failure in this.
- **David searches out God's way, and he follows God's methods.** It is not that I just accomplish something for God, it is important in how I go about it, to accomplish it. Do I follow God's ways, or do I follow the ways of man?
- **It is most important for me to remember that the right thing can never be accepted if it is done the wrong way, which is any other way than God's way!**

1Ch 15:14-15 So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel. [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.

- God instructed Moses to make the ark of the covenant with golden rings that were put on the corners. Through these golden rings, gold covered staves of acacia wood were to be inserted. The priests were not to actually touch the ark of the covenant, which rode between them, on these staves that were borne on the shoulders of the priests. David is now following this order.

1Ch 15:16 Then David spoke to the leaders of the Levites to appoint their brethren to be the singers accompanied by instruments of music, stringed instruments, harps, and cymbals, by raising the voice with resounding joy.

- **David wants all of this to be celebrated by worship music.** He spoke to the leaders of the Levites to appoint their brethren to be singers, and we notice that the singers were to be accompanied by instruments of worship. The singers are to be accompanied by the music. **The words are always more important than the music in a worship song! So here the words are most important.** Then the music is a lesser place, playing a support role.
- **David wanted this whole thing to be marked by joy, by praise and by worship.**

1Ch 15:17-20 So the Levites appointed Heman the son of Joel; and of his brethren, Asaph the son of Berechiah; and of their brethren, the sons of Merari, Ethan the son of Kushaiah; [18] and with them their brethren of the second rank: Zechariah, Ben, Jaaziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattithiah, Elipheleh, Mikneiah, Obed-Edom, and Jeiel, the gatekeepers; [19] the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, were to sound the cymbals of bronze; [20] Zechariah, Aziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with strings according to Alamoth.

- **These other musicians came with strings according to Alamoth.** Now Alamoth is the Hebrew word for virgin, having the idea of a higher pitch.

1Ch 15:21-26 Mattithiah, Elipheleh, Mikneiah, Obed-Edom, Jeiel, and Azaziah, to direct with harps on the Sheminith (bigger harps); [22] Chenaniah, leader of the Levites, was instructor in charge (head worship leader) of the music, because he was skillful; [23] Berechiah and Elkanah were doorkeepers for the ark; [24] Shebaniah, Joshaphat, Nethanel, Amasai, Zechariah, Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, were to blow the trumpets before the ark of God; and Obed-Edom and Jehiah, doorkeepers for the ark. [25] So David, the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD from the house of Obed-Edom with joy. [26] And so it was, when God helped the Levites who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, that they offered seven bulls and seven rams.

- *When God helped the Levites, which represented God's pleasure with what was happening. Their obedience allowed God to fully participate in the event. The death of Uzza had deeply impressed both David and the Levites, and it was doubted whether God would allow the ark to be moved anymore. There is nothing like walking away from something where the way of the world goes, Wow, did God fully participate in that event? And that is exactly what happened there, and their obedience allowed Him to do that.*
- ***When God helped the Levites! This is such a great lesson and encouragement for us to be obedient to the LORD; to do “the right thing the right way” and experience God’s help and blessings! His full participation! May we remember the first time David did it man’s way, which resulted in a tragic failure. The second time in obedience to Him, He helped it to be accomplished with great success and blessings!***

1Ch 15:27-28 David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, as were all the Levites who bore the ark, the singers, and Chenaniah the music master with the singers. David also wore a linen ephod. [28] Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the horn, with trumpets and with cymbals, making music with stringed instruments and harps.

- *What a wonderful procession, a most exciting moment! David had a hundred and twenty of these men blowing these silver trumpets. All kinds of music with stringed instruments and harps! David was dancing with all of his might, leading the people in rejoicing, singing, dancing, and with the music, bringing the ark of the covenant on up the hill, into Jerusalem!*

1Ch 15:29 And it happened, as the ark of the covenant of the LORD came to the City of David, that Michal, Saul’s daughter, looked through a window and saw King David whirling and playing music; and she despised him in her heart.

- *It is amazing how Satan likes to bring us down from **Spiritual highs**. Whenever God has done a marvelous work in your life, and you are just on cloud nine, in a spiritual sense, watch out! Satan likes to bring you off that cloud, and scorn is one of the cruelest weapons that Satan uses. It can just bring you right down from a spiritual high.*
- *Michal did not understand spiritual things. She puts a knife right into the most important part of David’s life in **mocking his relationship with the LORD!** One of the worst things that we experience in life is to have our relationship with the LORD, the beauty of it, the intimacy of it, to be scorned or mocked by somebody we care about, especially a husband or a wife! (2Sa 6:20-23)*
- ***We remember Michal demeaning King David’s intimate worship of the LORD! We need to be very careful to be respectful of other people’s worship. If we are not respectful, it means that maybe we have never experienced that kind of an intimacy with God!***

The Ark Placed in a Tent

1Ch 16:1 So they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tabernacle that David had erected for it. Then they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before God.

- *So, “mission accomplished!” They offered burnt offerings, which was an expression of total consecration to God! And peace offerings, which spoke of their thanksgiving before God. They are using every way that they can to just praise and dedicate themselves to the LORD!*

1Ch 16:2-3 And when David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD. [3] Then he distributed to everyone of Israel, both man and woman, to everyone a loaf of bread, a piece of meat, and a cake of raisins.

- *It was a time of tremendous excitement, a spiritual high, and celebration, as the ark is now placed in the tent, in Jerusalem!*

1Ch 16:4 And he appointed some of the Levites to minister before the ark of the LORD, to commemorate (zakar - to record, to mark), to thank, and to praise the LORD God of Israel:

- David begins to set up the long-term arrangements (*to commemorate*) for the worship that was to occur there at the Tabernacle in Jerusalem.

1Ch 16:5-6 Asaph the chief, and next to him Zechariah, then Jeiel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Mattithiah, Eliab, Benaiah, and Obed-Edom: Jeiel with stringed instruments and harps, but Asaph made music with cymbals; [6] Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests regularly blew the trumpets before the ark of the covenant of God.

- Here in this tent, before the LORD, there were to be offered, continual songs of praise, of worship, of thanksgiving, and of memorial, as they remembered the works of God. This was to go on day and night, a continuous place of praise and worship, as these men were appointed to this task, and would come according to their courses to fulfill their tasks.

1Ch 16:7 On that day David first delivered this psalm into the hand of Asaph and his brethren, to thank the LORD:

- David gave Asaph this song to him when they inaugurated this time of worship. Now, this is a psalm that defines their priestly duties as they were there before the ark of the covenant. It is a psalm that is a part of (*Psa 105:1-15*); (*Psa 96:1-13*); (*Psa 106:47-48*), which are in this psalm here. It is an exhortation, telling us what we are to do.
- Many times, when we read this, we read words, not thoughts, nor do we think of it as commandments. We just read through this without putting it into practice. But each of these things is to be put into practice. They were to be put into practice daily, by the priests, as they were there before the ark of the covenant. As children of God in this dispensation, we stand before the LORD, these are things that we should put into daily practice, in our lives.
- **My song of thanksgiving! How continuous is my praise and worship of my Lord? Do I see the aspect of praise and worship being commanded of His people to put such a song of thanksgiving into practice?**

David's Song of Thanksgiving – (*1Ch 16:8-22; Psa 105:1-15*)

1Ch 16:8 Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples!

- The (KJ/NKJV) translators, translate the name of God, as LORD, capital L, capital O, capital R, capital D. The all capitals indicate that it is the translation of name of YHVH. God is not a name; God is a title. In our English language, LORD is a title, not a name. In the New Testament, the Lord is a title, when referring to Jesus. Kurios (Greek). That is a title. His name is Jesus!
- In the New Testament we think of His name as, “Lord.” No that is not His name, that is His title. Jesus is His name. In the Old Testament, God is not His name, that is His title, and His name is Jehovah, or Yahweh, and we are not certain of the pronunciation. All we have are the consonants with no vowels, “YHVH,” and without vowels, you cannot really pronounce just the consonants. We have guessed that the consonants are probably an “a” and “o” and “a.” So, we have the Jehovah (“Yahovah”) as a possible name for God, the pronunciation of the name for God.
- There are many gods. If you are around a person who says, “Oh my God, how can you do that?” you might well ask, “Just who might you be referring to? Who is your God?” For there are many gods, and all through history, men have worshiped many different gods. In (*1Ch 16:25*) For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised; He is also to be feared above all gods. Or revered above all gods, (*1Ch 16:26*) For all the gods of the peoples are idols, But the LORD made the heavens.
- So, God the title, and the name of our God is Jehovah. The name of our God is a Hebrew verb, “to be,” or “to become,” or a literal translation of His name is, “The becoming One,” as God becomes to man, whatever man’s particular need might be at that moment, for He is the all-sufficient One. When Paul the apostle was going through his heavy trial, he asked God three times to remove that thorn, God said, “My grace is sufficient for you.” He is the all-sufficient one. Thus, that all-sufficiency can cover any need that you might possibly have.
- The name Jehovah is used in compound form. Jehovah-Nissi, Jehovah-Rapha, Jehovah-Shammah, Jehovah-Shalom, Jehovah-Jireh, Jehovah-Tsidkenu, which interestingly enough will be the name of Jesus when He comes back to reign as King, and LORD! We will then call Him, Jehovah-Tsidkenu, for He is our righteousness. He is also Jehovah-Shalom, for He is our peace, who has broken down every wall. But to us right now, He is our Savior! Thus, He is Jehovah-Shua, or Joshua, which in Greek, is Jesus.
- The name of God is incorporated in the name of Jesus. The name of our God. Thus, “God has given to Him a name, that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus (Joshua), every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord.” To the glory of God, the Father, that Jesus Christ, is actually, Kurios, which is in Greek, the translation of the Hebrew, Jehovah.
- Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples! Here you have three things that the priests were going to do, in the very first verse of this psalm. They were to give thanks to Jehovah, they were to call upon the name of Jehovah, and they were to make known His deeds among the people. That is the

commemorating, the recording part. They were there to worship, or to lead in praise, to give thanks, and to record, and thus the three duties are incorporated in the first verse of the commands.

1Ch 16:9 Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk of all His wondrous works!

- Next, they were to sing unto Him, the singing was to go on continually, day and night. The book of Psalms is actually the Hebrew song book. These were all originally sung. Thus, they were to sing these psalms unto the LORD. I love it that we are now again beginning to sing the psalms. That some of our musicians have set upon themselves, to set these psalms to music, as they sing these psalms!
- **Talk of all of His wondrous works.** Not only to sing about the LORD, but you are to talk about His wondrous works. The treasure that God has in His people! That was Paul's prayer that the Ephesians might know the exceeding richness of His inheritance in the saints. Peter said, "*We are His own special people.*" Oh, if we only knew how much God treasures us! If you only knew the value that God places on you!
- **We often deprecate ourselves. "Oh, I'm nothing."** God does not appreciate that! You are running down His property, speaking against His treasure. God treasures you highly, and thus you are His special treasure! They are to *talk of all His wondrous works.*

1Ch 16:10 Glory in His holy name; Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD!

- **Glory in His holy name: Now the name, Jehovah, YHVH. They are to glory in that name.** To us, it is Jesus! We are to glory in the name of Jesus! It is a name that brings joy, hope, and peace! It brings comfort and healing. We remember when Peter was being examined, concerning the lame man that was healed, and how it was done? (**Act 4:10**) *let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole.* The name of Jesus, there is power in the name of Jesus! So, we are to give glory to His holy name!
- **Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD!** A sad heart is a poor witness. We who seek the LORD should be rejoicing in that we are His children. Rejoicing in the LORD! Now, there is a big difference between rejoicing in situations, and rejoicing in the LORD. Sometimes I am weeping over the situations, though I am rejoicing in the LORD. You can always rejoice in the LORD, though you may be in miserable circumstances, you can always rejoice in the LORD. Paul was in extremely miserable circumstances in the Roman jail, and yet from that prison in Rome, he wrote to the Philippians, (**Php 4:4**) *Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!*
- **How well do I show my rejoicing is in the Lord? That is the secret! Getting my eyes off myself! Off my circumstances and onto the Lord? The circumstances can be miserable, but I can get my eyes on Jesus, which lifts my spirit to rejoicing.**

1Ch 16:11 Seek the LORD and His strength; Seek His face evermore!

- **Another command is to seek the LORD.** "Seek the LORD while He may be found," the scripture says, "call upon Him while He is near." How many times do we seek the advice, the counsel, the help of man, rather than seeking the help of the LORD? We are so quick to turn to man for the answers, and we use God as a last resort. We should be seeking the LORD first, seeking His strength, and to seek His face continually.

1Ch 16:12 Remember (commemorate) His marvelous works which He has done, His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth,

- **That is part of the "to commemorate" again. It is the remembering the marvelous works that God has done.** It is so important that we have the record of what God has done. For God has basically revealed His plan, His purpose, His intent, in which He has already brought to pass. He has shown His desire to be with His people, to strengthen His people, to help His people, to bless His people! As we see what God has done, He has revealed His character, His nature, and His desire for His children. "They that seek Him. They that seek His face continually." Thus, we are to remember those marvelous works. He goes on to define that a bit: *His wonders and the judgements of His mouth*

1Ch 16:13-14 O seed of Israel His servant, You children of Jacob, His chosen ones! [14] He is the LORD our God; His judgments are in all the earth.

- **An exhortation! You are to remember the judgements of His mouth.** His judgements are in all the earth! "Don't you realize that you children of Jacob?" Then he gives them the next exhortation:

1Ch 16:15-18 Remember His covenant forever, The word which He commanded, for a thousand generations, [16] The covenant which He made with Abraham, And His oath to Isaac, [17] And confirmed it to Jacob for a statute, To Israel for an everlasting covenant, [18] Saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan As the allotment of your inheritance,"

- **Not the covenant that He made with Moses, but the covenant that He made, with Abraham.** The covenant of giving to Abraham, this land in which they were now dwelling.

- **Regardless of what the press may say today, nor the situation that is going on,** over in the land of Israel over the rightful inhabitants of the land! It belongs to Israel, by a divine decree, a covenant that God made with them! God made a covenant with Abraham. He repeated it to Isaac, and He established it and confirmed it to Jacob. The land belongs to their seed forever! When Jesus comes again, He is going to apportion out that land to the tribes. It belongs to Israel, by an everlasting covenant, to Israel.

1Ch 16:19-21 When you were few in number, Indeed very few, and strangers in it. [20] When they went from one nation to another, And from one kingdom to another people, [21] He permitted no man to do them wrong; Yes, He rebuked kings for their sakes,

- **He is talking about Abraham when he went over to Abimelech, and Abimelech was rebuked by God,** for Abraham's sake. He went down to Egypt, and the Egyptian Pharaoh was rebuked by God. He was a stranger, going from place to place, kingdom to kingdom, yet God had said to Abraham, "As far as you can see, from the top of Bethel, as far as you can see Abraham, it is all yours. I am giving it to you." Yet all that Abraham ever possessed was a cave at Machpelah, in which to bury his wife.

1Ch 16:22 Saying, "Do not touch My anointed ones, And do My prophets no harm."

- **David had tremendous respect for Saul, because he had been anointed the king over Israel,** and even though Saul had failed miserably, yet David would not lay a hand on him. He would not touch him, because David respected the command of the LORD, that said, "Do not touch My anointed ones, And do My prophets no harm." Having been anointed of God for a ministry, when God's anointing is upon that ministry, and upon that person's life, it is best that you do not touch them. God will deal with them if they are in the wrong. But for you to go around and try and undercut, or undermine, places you in a very precarious place, and position. So, God was watching over him and was protecting him.

(1Ch 16:23-33; Psa 96:1-13)

1Ch 16:23 Sing to the LORD, all the earth; Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.

- **That is a repetition of verse nine. Sing to Him,** sing songs. Then he adds, *Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day!* Your life should be a witness. "Proclaiming," is just living your life in fellowship with God, through Jesus Christ, and that becomes a witness before the world around us every day. Paul the apostle said, "You are my living epistles, known and read of all men. I do not need letters of commendation. I do not need reference letters; you are my reference letters. Your lives in Christ, you are living epistles and known and are read by all men. You show forth His salvation day by day, in the life that you live, in fellowship with Jesus Christ. It has the effect of being a witness to those around you.

1Ch 16:24 Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples.

- **But more than just showing by my life, I am to...Declare his glory among the nations.** Oh, that people would know the glorious, marvelous works of God. It is our obligation, and duty to declare that to them.
- **Is my life one of singing to the LORD? Proclaiming the good news of His Salvation? Declaring His Glory and wonders among all people?**

1Ch 16:25-26 For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised; He is also to be feared above all gods. [26] For all the gods of the peoples are idols, But the LORD made the heavens.

- **The big difference! Ours is the true and living God.** He is the Creator and is to be distinguished above all other gods.
- 1Ch 16:27-29 Honor and majesty are before Him; Strength and gladness are in His place. [28] Give to the LORD, O families of the peoples, Give to the LORD glory and strength. [29] Give to the LORD the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come before Him. Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness!*
- **Oh, to lift up our hearts in praise to God!** Pure lips, pure hearts, worshiping Him, in the *beauty of holiness*, realizing what a holy, righteous, awesome God we have!
- **The beauty of Holiness! One of my favorite phrases in all of the Bible! It speaks of the beauty of holiness.** The holy life is a beautiful life because it is a Christ-like life. The word holy means to be set apart to God for His purposes and His use. And to be holy, to be set apart means I have to be set apart from something, that is common, that is unclean, and separated to someone else, which is the LORD and His holiness. That is what holiness is. It is important for us always remember that every definition of holiness needs to be run through the life of Jesus, because no one ever lived a more holy life than Jesus lived!
- **We all can remember the life we lived before we were saved.** We can remember what it was to be unholy for a time! Now we know what it is to be holy on some level and are growing in it. There is no comparison of one life with the other! The holy life is a beautiful, beautiful, freeing, liberating life!

- **You and I are called by God to stand and live this life by the grace of God in its fullness that He has called us to, to give hope to others who are today where we once were. Somebody else lived it for us to see so we could know how to escape and enter into the beauty of holiness. Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness!**

1Ch 16:30-31 Tremble before Him, all the earth. The world also is firmly established, It shall not be moved. [31] Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; And let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns."

- Our Jesus reigns! We sing, "Jesus shall reign where ere the sun does His successive journeys run." But He reigns now, where? In my heart, in my life. How important that Jesus reign in your heart. Jesus reigns!

1Ch 16:32-33 Let the sea roar, and all its fullness; Let the field rejoice, and all that is in it. [33] Then the trees of the woods shall rejoice before the LORD, For He is coming to judge the earth.

- So, the glorious prophecy, "The LORD is coming. Jehovah is coming to judge the earth!," and who is coming to judge the earth, from the New Testament? It is Jesus, who is coming. So, here Jehovah, the presence of Jehovah because He comes to judge the earth. That is the first order of business for Jesus when He comes again.

(1Ch 16:34; Psa 106:1) Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

(1Ch 16:35-36; Psa 106:47-48)

1Ch 16:35 And say, "Save us, O God of our salvation; Gather us together, and deliver us from the Gentiles, To give thanks to Your holy name, To triumph in Your praise."

- These are now the requests that you are to make. "Save us, gather us together, deliver us from the Gentiles," (Eph 2:13-16) But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. [14] For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, [15] having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, [16] and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.

- What is Your holy name? Jesus!

1Ch 16:36 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel From everlasting to everlasting! And all the people said, "Amen!" and praised the LORD.

- Glory, glory! Oh, what a time that must have been! A time of great spiritual revival in the nation, and thus a time of tremendous strength for the nation!

Worship Before the Ark

1Ch 16:37 So he left Asaph and his brothers there before the ark of the covenant of the LORD to minister before the ark regularly, as every day's work required;

- Their responsibility was to make sure that praise and worship was being offered up to the LORD whenever people would be coming to worship, that they would enter into that kind of an experience with God. That had to be done by real people doing it. That was part of their responsibility.

1Ch 16:38-40 and Obed-Edom with his sixty-eight brethren, including Obed-Edom the son of Jeduthun, and Hosah, to be gatekeepers; [39] and Zadok the priest and his brethren the priests, before the tabernacle of the LORD at the high place that was at Gibeon, [40] to offer burnt offerings to the LORD on the altar of burnt offering regularly morning and evening, and to do according to all that is written in the Law of the LORD which He commanded Israel;

- The Ark of the Covenant is now in Jerusalem. But the tabernacle and all of the other furnishings, the altar of incense, the other altars, all of this, that was still in Gibeon.
- David keeps Asaph, his brothers, including Obed-Edom and some of his brothers. to minister at the tent, the tabernacle, But he also makes sure that priests are also dispatched to Gibeon there where the official tent is and to make sure that that worship of the LORD according to the law of Moses is continuing. That is going to change shortly.

1Ch 16:41-42 and with them Heman and Jeduthun and the rest who were chosen, who were designated by name, to give thanks to the LORD, because His mercy endures forever; [42] and with them Heman and Jeduthun, to sound aloud with trumpets and cymbals and the musical instruments of God. Now the sons of Jeduthun were gatekeepers.

- These men were designated to keep the music and that worship experience going! Also, the keeping of the gates is related to the tabernacle there at Gibeon.

1Ch 16:43 Then all the people departed, every man to his house; and David returned to bless his house.

- **This is one of those special, special moments!** God's presence is being manifested! God's power is working in the hearts of the people! Oh, this beautiful, glorious response to the LORD, and to the work of the LORD!

SUMMARY:

- **1Ch 15:13 It is most important for me to remember that the right thing can never be accepted** if it is done the wrong way, which is any other way than God's way!
- **1Ch 15:26 When God helped the Levites! This is such a great lesson and encouragement for us to be obedient to the LORD; to do "the right thing the right way"** and experience God's help and blessings! His full participation! May we remember the first time David did it man's way, which resulted in a tragic failure. The second time in obedience to Him, He helped it to be accomplished with great success and blessings!
- **1Ch 15:29 We remember Michal demeaning King David's intimate worship of the LORD!** We need to be very careful to be respectful of other people's worship. If we are not respectful, it means that maybe we have never experienced that kind of an intimacy with God!
- **1Ch 16:7 My song of thanksgiving! How continuous is my praise and worship of my Lord?** Do I see the aspect of praise and worship being commanded of His people to put such a song of thanksgiving into practice?
- **1Ch 16:10 How well do I show my rejoicing is in the Lord? That is the secret!** Getting my eyes off myself! Off my circumstances and onto the Lord? The circumstances can be miserable, but I can get my eyes on Jesus, which lifts my spirit to rejoicing.
- **1Ch 16:24 Is my life one of singing to the LORD? Proclaiming the good news of His Salvation? Declaring His Glory and wonders among all people?**
- **1Ch 16:29 You and I are called by God to stand and live this life by the grace of God in its fullness** that He has called us to, to give hope to others who are today where we once were. Somebody else lived it for us to see so we could know how to escape and enter into the beauty of holiness. *Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness!*

1Ch 16:31 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; And let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns."

THE LORD REIGNS – Bob Fitts – Integrity Music (2:36/2:39)

**(Chorus) - The LORD reigns! The LORD reigns! The LORD reigns!
Let the earth rejoice Let the earth rejoice Let the earth rejoice
Let the people be glad That our God reigns! (2x)**

**A fire goes before Him And burns up all His enemies The hills melt like wax
At the presence of the LORD! At the presence of the LORD! (Chorus)**

**The heavens declare His righteousness The people see His glory
For You O LORD are exalted Over all the earth Over all the earth! (Chorus)**

Our God reigns! Our God reigns!

CLOSING PRAYER

NEXT WEEK: Study 1 Chronicles, Chapters 17-19