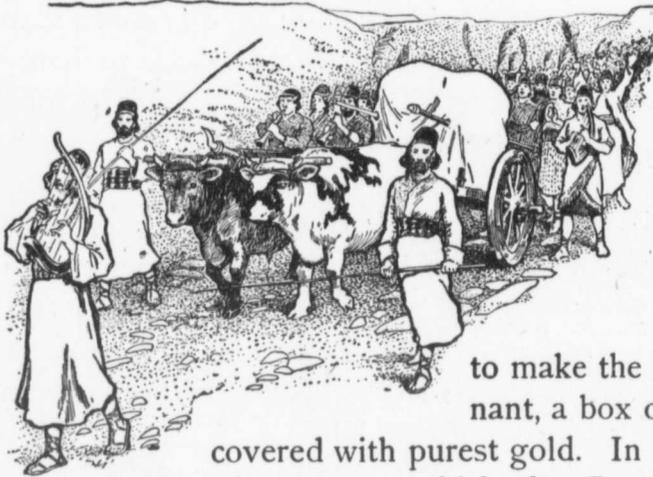


## DAVID BRINGS THE ARK TO JERUSALEM

II Samuel 6: 1-19; Psalm 24: 7-10



Long ago when God had brought the people of Israel safely out of Egypt, he had told them how

to make the Ark of the Covenant, a box of beautiful wood, covered with purest gold. In it were the tables of stone on which the Commandments were written, and some other precious things that reminded the people of God's care over them.

You remember how the Philistines had taken the Ark from Israel's soldiers in good old Eli's time. Now for many years it had been in the place to which they had returned it, and Israel as a country did not know very much about it. David wanted the Ark to have the honor that belonged to it, so he sent messengers all over the land to gather men to go with him to get the Ark and bring it back to Jerusalem.

At first they did not bring the Ark in the right way, and for three months it had to stay in the house of Obed-edom, about halfway between the place where it had been and the city of Jerusalem. Great blessing came to all the persons in Obed-edom's home, and all the people knew that it was because God's precious Ark was there.