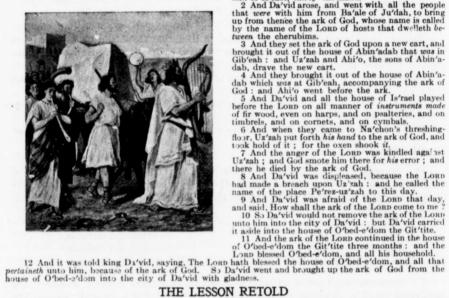
DAVID BRINGS THE ARK TO JERUSALEM October 4, 1908

2 Samuel 6: 1-12. Study 2 Samuel, ch. 6-Memory Verse, 12.

Golden Text-Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise .-Psalm 100: 4.



1 Again Da'vid gathered together all the chosen men of Is'rael, thirty thousand.
2 And Da'vid arose, and went with all the people that veere with him from Ba'ale of Ju'dah, to bring up from thence the ark of God, whose name is called by the name of the Lord of hosts that dwelleth between the cherubims.

3 And they set the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abin'adab that was in Gib'eah: and Uz'zah and Ahi'o, the sons of Abin'a-

THE LESSON RETOLD

David was now king over all Israel, and he lived in Jerusalem. Here, on a hill called Mount Zion, he built a palace for himself of beautiful cedar wood. He built many other houses round about the palace, and the place was called the City of David.

After this, David began to think about the ark of God, which, seventy years before, in the days of Eli, the Philistines had captured from the Israelites in battle, and had taken to their own land. But they had soon sent it back into the land of Israel again, and there it was kept in the house of a man 'named Abinadab, who lived on a hill near a town called Kirjath-jearim, which means "The Town of the Woods".

David gathered together thirty thousand men, to go and bring the ark from the house of Abinadab to Jerusalem. They placed the ark on a new cart drawn by oxen, and the two sons of Abinadab, Uzzah and Ahio, walked in front of the cart, driving the oxen. And the king and all the people who had come with him formed a procession about the ark, playing on all kinds of musical instruments: and so they went on towards Jerusalem.

But, as the procession was passing the threshing-floor of a man named Nachon, the oxen shook the cart upon which the ark was being carried, and Uzzah put out his hand to steady it. Now long, long before, when the ark was first made in the wilderness, God had warned His people, that only the priests should ever touch it. So, when Uzzah, who was not a priest, touched the ark of the Lord, God punished him by strikhim dead, and all the Israelites saw how holy a thing the ark of God was, and how they should reverence it, and not treat it lightly.

When David saw that Uzzah was dead, he was displeased at what the Lord had done. He was also afraid to bring the ark up to Jerusalem. So he left it in the house of a man named Obed-edom. But three

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