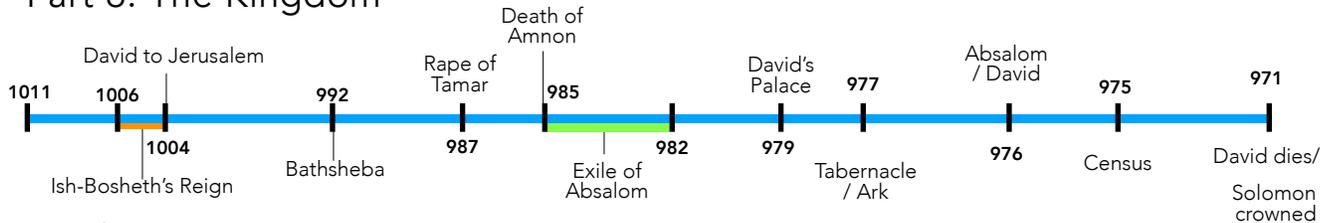


Making Promises

Part 6: The Kingdom



Review

- David pushes back against a Philistine offensive after twice consulting the Lord, and strikes down the Philistines. In spite of their loss, the Philistines tried again, but this time David was to circle around behind the Philistines. David was to wait for Yahweh to go before him. Yahweh was the victor of these battles with the Philistines, and it was therefore appropriate for David to think immediately about building a house for Yahweh.
- David has arranged for the ark of the covenant to be taken from Kiriath-Jearim (Baale-judah), where it was last seen, to Jerusalem where the tabernacle would be.
- Initially David was petrified over the Lord's dealing with Uzzah, so he placed the ark in the home of Obed-edom. But then Yahweh makes clear that his true intent is to bless not destroy his people via the ark.

Chronology

- Hiram** was the son of **Abibaal** and reigned in **Tyre** from about 980 to 947. Thus he was contemporary with both David (1011–971) and Solomon (971–931), and he provided some building materials for both David's house and the first temple under Solomon (**2 Sam. 5:11; 1 Kings 5:8, 10**).
 - This suggests that David's building projects must have been toward the **end of his reign**. These projects would include the tabernacle he pitched on Mount Zion, for the Chronicler clearly indicates that it was prepared only after David had constructed buildings **for himself (1 Chron. 15:1)**.
 - The ark of the covenant must therefore have been returned to Jerusalem **late** in David's lifetime, since the tabernacle was built for the express purpose of housing it. And David's desire to build a temple must have been broached at the **very end of his life** because it presupposes the existence of the tabernacle.
 - David's rise to power, as dramatic as it appears, was not without difficulty and required a long period of transition. David had his hands more than

full with the need to create and perfect a **governmental structure**, on the one hand, and the need to **defend the nation** against foreign threats, on the other. He could have met these needs only gradually.

- ▶ It was not until these kingdoms were subdued that David turned wholeheartedly to **religious pursuits** (*2 Sam. 7:1; 1 Chron. 17:1*).

David's Line + Yahweh's House

- David set up a **tent** which housed only the **ark**. David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings to consecrate the tent, but after that the main sacrifice on Zion was a sacrifice of praise in song and music (*2 Sam. 6:16-23*).
 - ▶ David's wife Michal took exception to David's dancing, accusing him of **honoring himself** and **disgracing the throne** before the slave girls. David does not see himself so much as Israel's king but as **Yahweh's servant**; and humility is appropriate for servants.
 - ▶ Michal, mentioned three times as the **daughter of Saul** (*vv.16, 20, 23*), would end her life childless thus the house of Saul was finally cut off.
 - ▶ The **Mosaic tabernacle** continued to operate in **Gibeon** throughout David's reign, but a different sort of worship was going on at the tent of David, which housed only the ark (*1 Kings 3:4-5; 1 Chron. 16:39; 21:29; 2 Chron. 1:3-6*).
- Although the military situation is stable, David is bothered because he now lives in a **house of cedar** but the ark of God sits in a **mere tent**. David presents to Nathan his plan, and Nathan encourages him (*2 Sam. 7:1-17*).
 - ▶ However, the Lord halted David's plans by revealing to the prophet that evening that not only would David not be the builder of Yahweh's house, but that Yahweh was going to **build David** another house.
 - ▶ There is one main reason God gives for halting David's plans on building him a house: to date, his people Israel **have been on the move**, wandering in the wilderness and enduring the unsettled conditions of the judges period, and he has 'travelled' or 'wandered' with all the sons of Israel. How can he **settle down** when they are **unsettled**?
 - ▶ He is the God who travels **with his people**. They are a pilgrim people on their way to the land of promise, and so is their God that goes before them, sharing the rigors of the journey with them.
 - ▶ **(Comparison to Pagan Gods)**By giving more grace he shows that David does not place a claim on **Yahweh's favor** by building him a lavish temple. Instead Yahweh, the giving God, reviews past grace, lavishes more grace—and puts a temple on the back burner.

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2 Samuel 5:11	And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, also carpenters and masons who built David a house.
1 Kings 5:8	And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, "I have heard the message that you have sent to me. I am ready to do all you desire in the matter of cedar and cypress timber.
1 Kings 5:10	So Hiram supplied Solomon with all the timber of cedar and cypress that he desired,
1 Chronicles 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.
2 Samuel 7:1	Now when the king lived in his house and the Lord had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies,
1 Chronicles 17:1	Now when David lived in his house, David said to Nathan the prophet, "Behold, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of the covenant of the Lord is under a tent."
2 Samuel 6:16–23	16 As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord, and she despised him in her heart. 17 And they brought in the ark of the Lord and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it. And David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the Lord. 18 And when David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts 19 and distributed among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins to each one. Then all the people departed, each to his house. 20 And David returned to bless his household. But Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David and said, "How the king of Israel honored himself today, uncovering himself today before the eyes of his servants' female servants, as one of the vulgar fellows shamelessly uncovers himself!" 21 And David said to Michal, "It was before the Lord, who chose me above your father and above all his house, to appoint me as prince over Israel, the people of the Lord—and I will celebrate before the Lord. 22 I will make myself yet more contemptible than this, and I will be abased in your eyes. But by the female servants of whom you have spoken, by them I shall be held in honor." 23 And Michal the daughter of Saul had no child to the day of her death.
1 Kings 3:4–5	4 And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. 5 At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you."
1 Chronicles 16:39	And he left Zadok the priest and his brothers the priests before the tabernacle of the Lord in the high place that was at Gibeon
1 Chronicles 21:29	For the tabernacle of the Lord, which Moses had made in the wilderness, and the altar of burnt offering were at that time in the high place at Gibeon,

<p>2 Chronicles 1:3-6</p>	<p>3 And Solomon, and all the assembly with him, went to the high place that was at Gibeon, for the tent of meeting of God, which Moses the servant of the Lord had made in the wilderness, was there. 4 (But David had brought up the ark of God from Kiriath-jearim to the place that David had prepared for it, for he had pitched a tent for it in Jerusalem.) 5 Moreover, the bronze altar that Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, had made, was there before the tabernacle of the Lord. And Solomon and the assembly sought it out. 6 And Solomon went up there to the bronze altar before the Lord, which was at the tent of meeting, and offered a thousand burnt offerings on it.</p>
<p>2 Samuel 7:1-17</p>	<p>1 Now when the king lived in his house and the Lord had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, 2 the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent." 3 And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the Lord is with you." 4 But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, 5 "Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the Lord: Would you build me a house to dwell in? 6 I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. 7 In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" ' 8 Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. 9 And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. 10 And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, 11 from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. 12 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, 15 but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. 16 And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.' " 17 In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.</p>