

DAVID AND THE ARK OF THE COVENANT, Part 1

2 Samuel 6.1-15, 17-19

Central Idea: *Doing the right thing in the right way will always honor God.*

Important Dates in David's Life ...

- 1050 BC
- 1040 BC
- 1025 BC
- 1010 BC
- 1003 BC
- 970 BC

§ **David's Desire was Commendable ... (1-2)**

§ **But His Method was Unacceptable (3-7)**

§ **David's Reaction was Regrettable ... (8-11)**

§ **But His Restoration was Joyful (12-19)**

Questions for Personal Reflection or Group Discussion

1. Read 1 Chronicles 13 and 15 for another perspective on these events in David's life.
2. Why do you think David gathered 30,000 men to bring back the ark? What does this reveal about the ark's significance to Israel?
3. Why do you think Uzzah reached out to steady the ark? Was his motive good, wrong, or both?
4. God's judgment on Uzzah feels severe. What does this moment teach us about God's holiness?
5. How do we sometimes treat holy things (Scripture, worship, prayer, God's presence) too casually?
6. David becomes angry and fearful (v. 8–9). Why might David have reacted this way?
7. How would you summarize the main lesson God is teaching Israel—and us—through this story?

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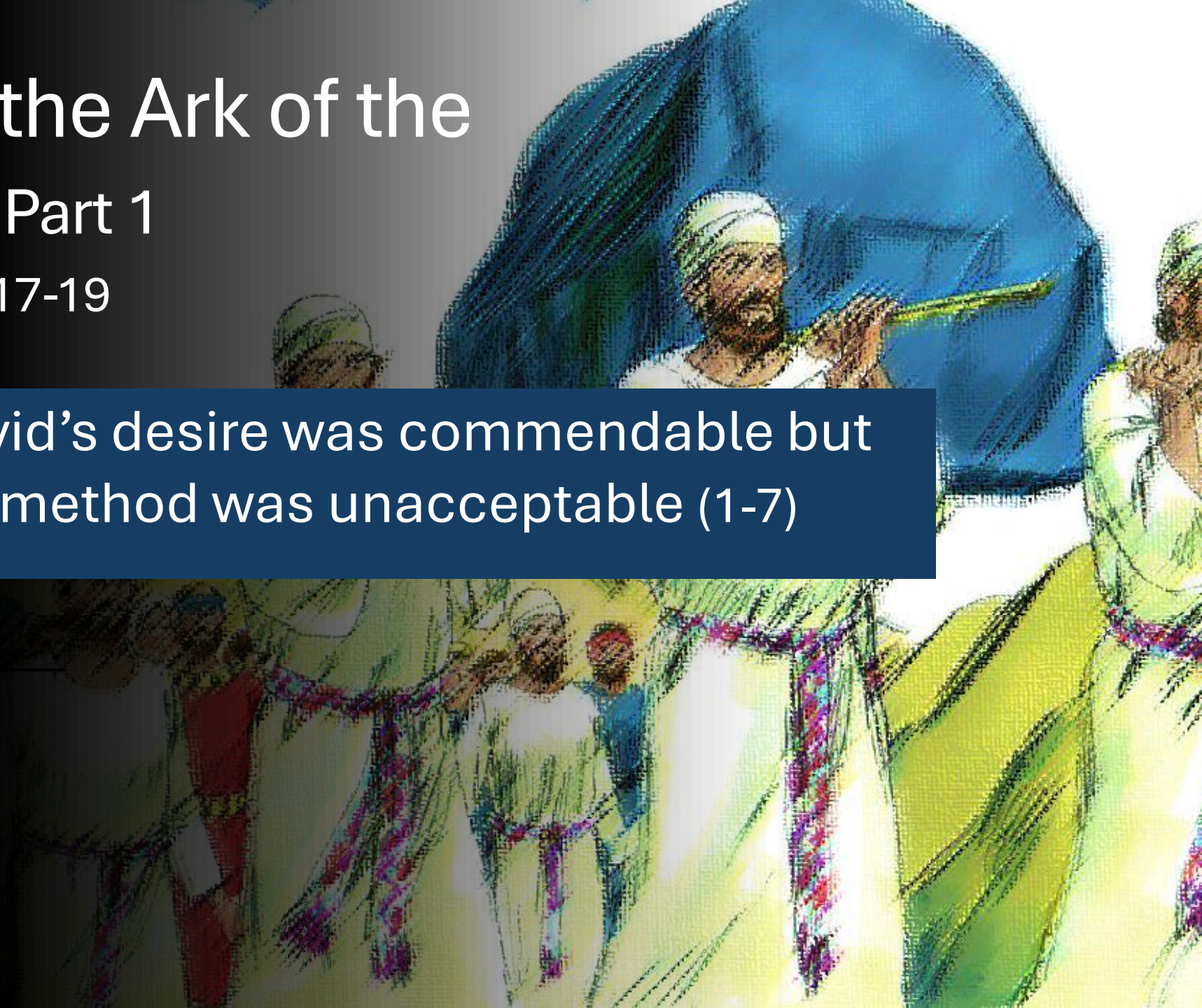
Important Dates in David's Life

1050 B.C.	Saul becomes king of Israel
1040 B.C.	David is born
1025 B.C.	Samuel anoints David to be king David kills Goliath
1010 B.C.	David begins to reign in Hebron (7 years)
1003 B.C.	David reigns over all Israel (33 years)
970 B.C.	David dies/Solomon becomes king

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THE ARK OF THE COVENANT

EXODUS 25:10-22

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TABLETS OF COVENANT LAW

(16, 21-22)

The two stone tablets with the ten commandments were placed inside the ark. These tablets were inscribed on both sides, front and back by 'the finger of God' (see also 20:12; 31:18; 32:15-16; 34:1, 4, 28).



MEETING WITH GOD (22)

Above the atonement cover and between the cherubim, God would meet with Moses and give him commands for Israel.

ATONEMENT COVER (17, 22)

Length = 2.5 cubits (3 3/4 ft / 1.1 m)

Width = 1.5 cubits (2 1/4 ft / 0.68 m)

The cover was made of pure gold.



CHERUBIM (19-20, 21)

The two angelic figures were made of hammered gold, with their wings spread over the atonement cover, facing each other and looking toward the cover.

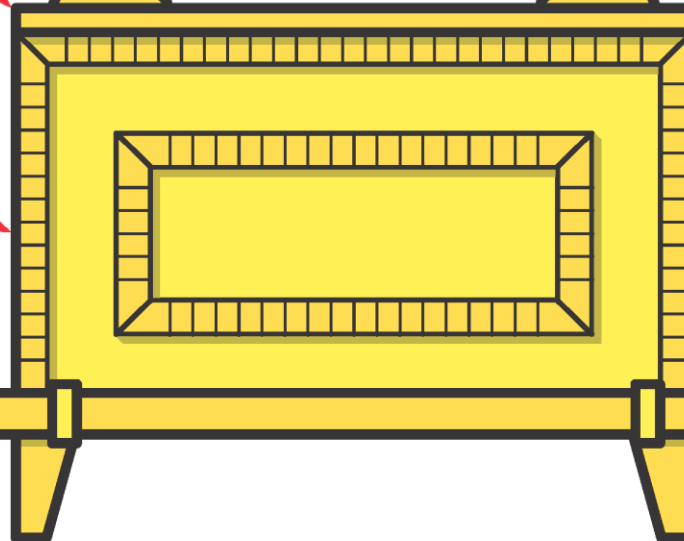
ARK (10-11)

Length = 2.5 cubits (3 3/4 ft / 1.1 m)

Width = 1.5 cubits (2 1/4 ft / 0.68 m)

Height = 1.5 cubits (2 1/4 ft / 0.68 m)

The ark was made of acacia wood, overlaid with gold inside and out.



POLES, RINGS & FEET (12-15)

The two poles were made of acacia wood overlaid with gold and inserted into gold rings, which were fastened onto the feet of the ark.



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