

The Story of David

⑪ The Ark to be brought to Jerusalem

Narration After becoming king of the whole of Israel, David moved his residence from Hebron to Jerusalem to rule over the whole of Israel. One day, whilst living in Jerusalem...

David Now, let's move the ark of God to Jerusalem. In the past, we did not consider the ark of God to be important, so, let's now bring the ark to Jerusalem and keep it in the centre of the country.

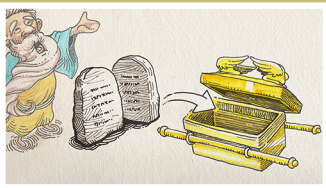
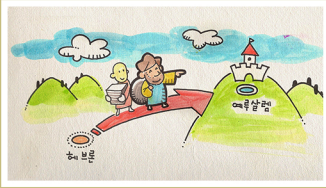
Narration Time out! What is the 'Ark of God' that king David is trying to move?

The 'Ark of God' is a chest which Moses made in accordance with God's command at the time the Israelites' exodus from Egypt and which held the two stone tablets of the Ten Commandments. It is also known as the 'Ark of the Testimony' or the 'Ark of God'. This 'Ark of God' holds a very important covenant of God – that He is always present with the 'Ark of the Covenant'. So wherever the 'Ark of the Covenant' is that is where God is present. The 'Ark of God' was a sign that God was with the Israelites. The Israelites came to believe that wherever the 'Ark of Covenant' was, God was. So you can understand why king David wanted to move the 'Ark of God' to Jerusalem, right?

Narration Finally, King David and his servants gathered to move the Ark of God from Kirjath-jearim (Baalath of Judah).

David You there! Set the ark of God on a new cart and bring it to Jerusalem. Play the music in celebration!

Servants Yes, your highness.





Narration The ark of God was set on a new cart and brought from the house of Abinadab in Kirjath-jearim. Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab were guiding the new cart with the ark of God on it when suddenly!

Cow (runs wildly and cries loudly) Mooooooooo~~~~~!!!

Ahio What's going on? What is wrong with this cow?

Uzzah Oh no!! The ark of God is going to fall off!! Noooo!
(Uzzah grabs the shaky ark of God) Ack!!.....

People Oh no! Oh no! How can this be..? Uzzah is dead...

Woman Uzzah is dead.

Old man God has struck Uzzah!

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Narration After seeing God strike Uzzah, king David was too fearful that he decided not to take the ark of God with him to Jerusalem.

Instead, he took it aside to the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite. The ark of God remained there and while it did so, the Lord blessed Obed-Edom and his entire household.