The Chronicles of the Kings of Judah

The Ark of God Brought to Jerusalem

1 Chronicles 15-16
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The Ark of the Covenant

As a symbol of God’s presence with Israel, the Ark of the Covenant was the center of Yahweh worship and was brought into the temple each year at Passover (Psa 24:7–9). It housed the covenant tablets; an omer of manna and Aaron’s budding staff were either set before the Ark or in it (1 Kgs 8:9; Heb 9:4).

As Yahweh’s symbolic throne, the ark acted as a symbol of His going out before Israel in war. Its full name was “the ark of the covenant of Yahweh of hosts (of armies), who is enthroned on the cherubim” (1 Sam 4:3–5). The ark moved with God’s people during the wilderness wanderings, was temporarily housed at Shiloh, and eventually dwelled in Solomon’s temple—until the temple treasury was plundered by the Egyptians and Babylonians (1 Kgs 14:25–28; 2 Chr 36:7, 10, 18).
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Jerusalem

By 34 BC, under King Herod’s rule, ancient Jerusalem went through major redevelopment, crowned with the rebuilding of the Second Temple and a bigger Temple Mount. In 66 AD, the Great Jewish Revolt challenged Roman rule over Jerusalem, resulting in the destruction of the temple and the fall of Jerusalem by 70 AD.
The Successful Transfer of the Ark to Jerusalem (15:1-16:6)

A. Prepare a place for the ark (15:1)
B. Assign Levites to carry the ark (15:2-15)
C. Gathering musicians and singers (15:16-24)
D. THE ARK ARRIVES...FINALLY!!! (15:25-29)
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