

Questions / Answers

1. Which city did David capture to be his capital city?
Jerusalem.
2. Why did David want to bring the Ark of God to Jerusalem?
So that the people could come and worship God at Jerusalem.
3. How did God say the Ark must be carried?
Priests should carry the Ark on two poles.
4. How did David try to bring the Ark to Jerusalem? What happened?
On an ox cart. When the oxen stumbled Uzziah touched the Ark and died.
5. What did David do when God was no longer angry?
He brought the Ark to Jerusalem with priests and great rejoicing.
6. Why did David want to build a Temple for God?
David had a grand palace but the Ark of God was in a tent.
7. Why did God say David could not build the Temple?
Because he had been a man of war.
8. What do the promises God made to David tell us about?
God's purpose with the earth and all mankind.
9. Who fulfilled parts of God's promises to David?
Solomon.
10. Who fulfils all God's promises?
Jesus.

Memory verses

1 Chronicles 17:11—12 Luke 1:30—33

Discussion

Discuss each promise God made to David and how it is fulfilled.

Writing

Write about how David brought the Ark to Jerusalem.

CBM Senior Lessons

Lesson 22 David—a good king



READING 2 Samuel 5:1—10; 6:1—15; 7:1—17

LESSON

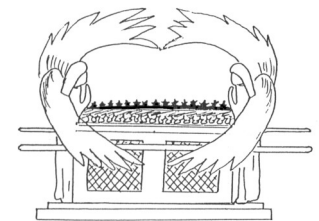
David ruled for seven years from the city of Hebron. Then David captured Jerusalem and made it his capital city. The Jebusites were living in Jerusalem. The city of Jerusalem was built on top of some hills. It was so easy to defend that the Jebusites were sure that David would never capture the city. They said that Jerusalem was so strong it could be defended by blind and lame men.

David did capture the city. Joab, the Captain of David's army, climbed up the water shaft. David's men were then able to climb up inside the city walls and surprise the Jebusites. David made Jerusalem his capital city.

Jerusalem is God's chosen city. It was the capital city of Israel and also the centre of their worship. Sometimes Jerusalem is called Zion; this is the name of one of the hills on which Jerusalem is built.

David wanted to bring the Ark of God to Jerusalem so that the people could worship God there. The Ark of God was very holy. God had told Moses that only the priests could carry the Ark; they must carry it on two poles. If anyone touched the Ark they would die.

David tried to bring the Ark of God to Jerusalem on an ox cart. At a threshing-floor the oxen stumbled and the Ark was jolted. A man called Uzzah tried to stop the Ark falling, but when he touched the Ark he died. David was afraid and left the Ark at a nearby house. Later, when David knew that God was no longer angry, he took priests to carry the Ark to Jerusalem. David and the people rejoiced and offered sacrifices. The Ark of God was brought to Jerusalem and the people came there to worship God.



David fought against many nations who were enemies of Israel. David trusted in God, so he won many battles and became a powerful King. God gave David peace from his enemies.

David built a palace for himself. It was a grand palace built of cedar wood. But the Ark of God was still kept in a tent (the Tabernacle). David wanted to build a Temple where the people could worship God. David told the prophet Nathan, "I am living in a palace of cedar, while the Ark of God remains in a tent." David explained that he wanted to build a Temple for God.

God told David that because he had been a man of war, he could not build God's Temple. But God was pleased that David had wanted to build Him a Temple. God blessed David and made special promises to him. These promises are very important. They tell us more about God's purpose with the earth and with all mankind.

Do you remember the promises God made to Abraham? God promised Abraham that he would have a special descendant through whom all people could be blessed. He also promised that Abraham's descendants would live in the land of Israel for ever. These promises are fulfilled in the Lord Jesus Christ. He has brought salvation to all men by his death on the cross. When Jesus returns very soon all God's people will live in peace and happiness in God's Kingdom on the earth.

In the promises God made to David we learn more about God's plan of salvation for mankind. The promises God made to David are on the next page.

David's son, Solomon, fulfilled parts of these promises. But the promises were looking forward to David's special descendant, Jesus Christ, the Son of God. When Jesus comes back to the earth very soon he will fulfil all God's promises. Jesus will set up God's Kingdom and will rule over all the world for ever. It will be a time of peace and happiness.

GOD'S PROMISES TO DAVID

David would be famous, one of the greatest men on earth

David is very famous - we still read about him today, 3000 years later! He was one of the greatest men of God - he was called a man after God's own heart.

Israel would have their own land and live in peace

Israel did have their own land. There was peace while David and his son Solomon ruled. There will be everlasting peace in God's Kingdom

God would establish a house for David

David's house (descendants) ruled over Judah until they were taken captive to Babylon. Son followed father as king until the captivity. Since then there has not been a descendant of David on his throne. Jesus is the special descendant of David. He will rule in God's Kingdom.

David's descendant would build a house for God

God told David that he could not build the Temple. David's son, Solomon, built the Temple in Jerusalem. That Temple was destroyed when the people of Israel were taken captive by the Babylonians. Jesus is building a Temple of people to worship God in His Kingdom.

David's descendant would rule FOR EVER from David's throne

Solomon ruled over Israel from David's throne for many years, then he died. David's special descendant, Jesus, will rule for ever in God's Kingdom on earth. Jesus will rule the world from Jerusalem, where David's throne was.

David's Kingdom would last for ever

David's Kingdom was the Kingdom of Israel and Judah. It lasted for several hundred years. Then the people were taken captive to Babylon. When Jesus comes back to the earth he will set up God's Kingdom. God's Kingdom will last for ever.

God would be the father of David's descendant; the special descendant would be God's son.

God was the Father of Jesus Christ. Jesus was the Son of God.