

Obed-Edom Gittite, Blessed

Mentioned in three books of the Bible,

2, Samuel: 6;10-12 He (King David) was not willing to take the Ark of the LORD to be with him in the City of David. Instead he took it to the house of Obed-Edom the **GITTITE**. The Ark of the Lord remained in the house of **Obed-Edom** the **GITTITE** for three months, and the LORD blessed him and his entire household.

Now king David was told “The LORD has bless the house of **Obed-Edom** and everything he has, because of the ark of God.” So David went to bring up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the city of David with rejoicing.

This story is repeated in 1 Chronicles

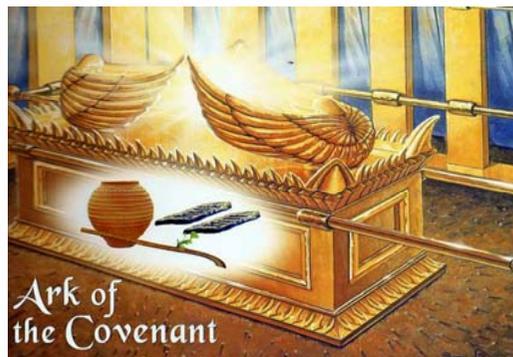
13; 13, He did not take the ark to be with him in the City of David. Instead, he took it to the house of **Obed-Edom** the **Gittite**. 14 The ark of God remained with the family of Obed-Edom in his house for three months, and the Lord blessed his household ***and everything he had.***

The Ark in brief

The ark was given to the people of Israel by God and we believe it looked something like the first picture below. Inside the ark was the stone tablets containing the law, Aaron's staff that was budded and a jar with the manna that sustained the people of God as they travelled through the desert during the Exodus (pic 2).

The top of the ark was known as the mercy seat and was where the presence of God dwelt.

God gave very specific rules about the handling of the ark and chose the Levite clan (The Gershonites, Koathites and the Merarites) because of the zeal for the Glory of God. The ark had to be carried by poles and nobody was allowed to touch it otherwise God would strike them down (pic 3) the ark was powerful and when taken by the Philistines caused catastrophes which forced them to return the ark (pic 4) that Almighty power is seen, as the ark is being transported back to the city of David, when the mules stumble and Uzzah reached out and touches the ark in a good intentioned attempt to steady it and is struck dead.



Obed-Edom the Gittite

- There is no mistakes with God (the bible speaks of Christ throughout, Christology,) and Obed-Edom has not been drawn from obscurity for nothing. Names were so important in the time of king David, just as they are now when it comes to God. They spoke of the character of an individual, sometimes they were even prophetic (Jonathan means, given of God, in David's own life struggles)
- Obed-Edom mean; Obed, Servant/Slave of Edom, another name for Euas, who exchanged his blessings for a bowl of soup. Euas (signifies red) reminds my of Adam (the red earth.) A servant was not considered positive in those times and the people of Edom where enemies of the people of God.
- The Gittite (people of Gath) traditionally enemies of Israel and let us remember David's childhood defeat of Goliath the Gittite. It's not where we come form or what our traditions (we can be trapped by them as were the Pharisees) are, it's what God purposes for our lives and to forget all else and press in to those purposes.

Gods blessing of Obed-Edom through the presence.

- How dose God bless Obed-Edom? (Through His presence, the Shekinah Glory.)
- What relevance has this in our lives? (Seek ye first.)
- Is there anything of this blessing in the blessing we have today in Christ? (Emmanuel, God is with us, present in Christ.)
- As God said to Abraham (12;2-3) I will make you a blessing. (as we are blessed we become a blessing, overflow.)
- If I hear what the spirit is saying to us I believe God raised up Obed-Edom to let his blessing be our blessing, as He did/dose through all His people.
- If we boldly and systematically press-in/enter the presence of God there is a fullness of joy that is promised (Acts 2;28) and is ours to give.

Obed-Edom, Gatekeeper, Worshiper

15; 18, and with them their relatives next in rank: Zechariah, Jaaziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, Mikneiah, *Obed-Edom* and Jeiel the **GATEKEEPERS**.

15; 21, and Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, Mikneiah, *Obed-Edom*, Jeiel and Azaziah **were to play the harps**, directing according to sheminith (musical term.)

15; 24-25, Shebaniah, Joshaphat, Nethanel, Amasai, Zechariah, Benaiah and Eliezer the priests were to blow trumpets before the ark of God. *Obed-Edom* and Jehiah were also to be **doorkeepers for the ark**. So David and the elders of Israel and the commanders of units of a thousand went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord from the house of *Obed-Edom*, with rejoicing.

Obed-Edom, Gatekeeper, Worshiper

- Obed-Edom was a Levite (and a Gatekeeper in the house of the Lord.) irrespective of our roots, or because of them God chooses the things that are not to nullify the things that are so that no one may boast (1Cor 1;28-29).
- No matter where we are, who we are, what we think of ourselves or how we see ourselves, ***a reminder here that we are fearfully made***. God has ordained us and with-in our calling leads us in to a place of awesome responsibility, in this case a gatekeeper in the house of the Lord, and it is no different for us today, God has given us a place of awesome responsibility (more about this later).
- Obed-Edom was a musician and a singer, a **worshiper**. There is a difference between Praise and worship, we enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise (Ps 100;4). Worship is thanksgiving.....and enters us in.

Obed-Edom Leader, Minister (Levite)

- **16; 38**, He also left *Obed-Edom* and his sixty-eight associates to **MINISTER** with them. Obed-Edom son of Jeduthun, and also Hosah, were gatekeepers.

Obed-Edom leader, Minister

- Minister
- A servant, one who gives to other, points to the /Lord, Paul in (1Cor 1; 12-13) says “some follow Paul, some follow Apollos.
- One who sees others above themselves, especially the poor.
- Leader, of a little or a lot, when we stand up for the Lord we become a Leader/light for the lost.
- No matter how small you see what you do remember that God tells us not to be a despiser of Small things.

Obed-Edom sons/family

- **16; 4-5**, *Obed-Edom* also had sons:
- *Shemaiah the firstborn, (he hears or obeys the Lord)*
- *Jehozabad the second, (the Lords dowry)*
- *Joah the third, (brother of the Lord)*
- *Sakar the fourth, (wages)*
- *Nethanel the fifth, (God has given)*
- *Ammiel the sixth, (people/kinsman of God)*
- *Issachar the seventh (reward)*
- *and Peullethai the eighth. (Yah's seed)*
- *(For God had blessed **Obed-Edom**.)*

The wages, reward is Obed-Edom's children are links closely to God.

Obed-Edom sons/family

- **16; 6-8**, *Obed-Edom's* son Shemaiah also had sons, who were leaders in their father's family because they were very capable men. The sons of Shemaiah: Othni, Rephael, (the divine healer) Obed and Elzabad; his relatives Elihu and Semakiah were also able men. All these were descendants of *Obed-Edom*; they and their sons and their relatives were capable men with the strength to do the work—descendants of *Obed-Edom*, 62 in all.
- **Finally in 2 Chronicles we see he had other great responsibilities**
- **25; 24**, He (Jehoash king of Isreal) took all the gold and silver and all the articles found in the temple of God that had been in the care of *Obed-Edom*, together with the palace treasures and the hostages, and returned to Samaria.

JESUS is the Gate

- **John 10;3**, *The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.*
John 10;9 *I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. #10:9 Or kept safe They will come in and go out, and find pasture.*
- *Brothers and sisters Obed-Edom for me was a blue print of a Christian, an example and models of what it takes to be a gatekeeper, an open and closer of the Gate, (Jesus).*