

# 1 Chronicles 15:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

**And David gathered all Israel together to Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the LORD unto his place, which he had prepared for it**—After the Uzzah disaster (ch. 13), David learned proper procedure. The phrase asher hekin lo ('which he had prepared for it') indicates David built a proper dwelling. This second attempt features Levitical carriers (v.15) instead of a Philistine-style cart.

The assembly of kol-yisrael ('all Israel') emphasizes national unity in worship. Chronicles repeatedly stresses this theme for post-exilic readers rebuilding temple worship. Right worship unites God's people; improper worship (ch. 13) brings death. David's preparation shows that honoring God's presence requires both heart devotion and procedural obedience.

## Historical Context

This second ark procession (c. 1001 BC) occurred after David learned from Obed-edom's blessing (13:14) that proper handling brings prosperity, not judgment. The three-month interval allowed David to study Torah requirements and prepare according to Mosaic law.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. How does proper preparation for worship demonstrate reverence for God's holiness?
2. What 'preparations' in your spiritual life need attention before you can properly receive God's blessing?

## Interlinear Text

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## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Chronicles 13:5** (References David): So David gathered all Israel together, from Shihor of Egypt even unto the entering of Hemath, to bring the ark of God from Kirjath-jearim.

**1 Kings 8:1** (References Lord): Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto king Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion.

**1 Chronicles 15:1** (References David): And David made him houses in the city of David, and prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched for it a tent.

**2 Samuel 6:12** (References Lord): And it was told king David, saying, The LORD hath blessed the house of Obed-edom, and all that pertaineth unto him, because of the ark of God. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom into the city of David with gladness.

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