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(9) So David dwelt in the fort, and called it the city of David. And David built round about from Millo and inward.
 (10) And David went on, and grew great, and the LORD God of hosts *was* with him.
 (11) And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters, and masons: and they built David an house.
 (12) And David perceived that the LORD had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel's sake.
 (13) And David took *him* more concubines and wives out of Jerusalem, after he was come from Hebron: and there were yet sons and daughters born to David.
 (14) And these *be* the names of those that were born unto him in Jerusalem; Shammua, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon,
 (15) Ibhar also, and Elishua, and Nepheg, and Japhia,
 (16) And Elishama, and Eliada, and Eliphalet.
 (17) But when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines came up to seek David; and David heard *of it*, and went down to the hold.
 (18) The Philistines also came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.

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 (10) And David went on, and grew great, and the LORD {Jehovah} God of hosts {armies} *was* with him.
 (11) And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters, and masons: and they built David a palace.^d
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5:11d – I Chr. 14:1f

5:16e – sons born to David in Jerusalem – David already had six sons born to different wives
 - II Sam. 3:2-5

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(19) And David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up to the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto David, Go up: for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into thine hand.

(20) And David came to Baalperazim, and David smote them there, and said, The LORD hath broken forth upon mine enemies before me, as the breach of waters. Therefore he called the name of that place Baalperazim.

(21) And there they left their images, and David and his men burned them.

(22) And the Philistines came up yet again, and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.

(23) And when David enquired of the LORD, he said, Thou shalt not go up; *but* fetch a compass behind them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees.

(24) And let it be, when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself: for then shall the LORD go out before thee, to smite the host of the Philistines.

(25) And David did so, as the LORD had commanded him; and smote the Philistines from Geba until thou come to Gazer.

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(19) And David inquired of the LORD {Jehovah}, saying, Shall I go up to the Philistines? will You deliver them into my hand? And the LORD {Jehovah} said to David, **Go up: because I will without a doubt deliver the Philistines into your hand.**^f

(20) And David came to Baalperazim, and David struck them there, and said, The LORD {Jehovah} has broken forth upon my enemies before me, as the breach {splitting} of waters. Therefore he called the name of that place Baal-perazim {the breach of Baal}.^g

(21) And there they left their images, and David and his men burned them.

(22) And the Philistines came up yet again, and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.

(23) And when David inquired of the LORD {Jehovah}, He said, **You shall not go up; *but* instead circle behind them, and come upon them opposite the mulberry trees.**^h

(24) **And let it be, when you hear the sound of a wind in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then you shall stir up yourself: because then the LORD {Jehovah} shall go out before you, to strike the host {army} of the Philistines.**

(25) And David did so, as the LORD {Jehovah} had commanded him; and struck the Philistines from Geba to Gazer.

5:19f – I Chr. 14:10f

5:20g- Baalperazim { בעל פרצים } - the breach of Baal

5:23h – I Chr. 14:14

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Chapter 6

- (1) Again, David gathered together all *the* chosen *men* of Israel, thirty thousand.
- (2) And David arose, and went with all the people that *were* with him from Baale of Judah, to bring up from thence the ark of God, whose name is called by the name of the LORD of hosts that dwelleth *between* the cherubims.
- (3) And they set the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that *was* in Gibeah: and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drave the new cart.
- (4) And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab which *was* at Gibeah, accompanying the ark of God: and Ahio went before the ark.
- (5) And David and all the house of Israel played before the LORD on all manner of *instruments made of* fir wood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals.
- (6) And when they came to Nachon's threshingfloor, Uzzah put forth *his hand* to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook *it*.

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- (2) And David arose, and went with all the people who *were* with him from Baale of Judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, Whose Name is called by the Name of the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies} Who lives *between* the cherubims.^b
- (3) And they set the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that *was* in Gibeah: and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drove the new cart.
- (4) And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab which *was* at Gibeah, accompanying the ark of God: and Ahio went before the ark.
- (5) And David and all the house of Israel played before the LORD {Jehovah} on all manner of *instruments made of* fir wood, even on harps, and on stringed instruments, and on tambourines, and on cornets, and on cymbals.
- (6) And when they came to Nachon's threshing floor, Uzzah put forth *his hand* to the ark of God, and took hold of it; because the oxen shook *it*.^c

6:1a – I Chr. 13:5

6.2b – between the cherubims – the Mercy Seat on top of the ark of the covenant
– Ex. 25:17-18

6:6c – the ark had rings for poles for priests to carry it – It was never meant to be placed on a cart - see II Sam. 6:13; I Chr. 13:10; 15:2,13-15

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(7) And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for *his* error; and there he died by the ark of God.
(8) And David was displeased, because the LORD had made a breach upon Uzzah: and he called the name of the place Perezuzzah to this day.
(9) And David was afraid of the LORD that day, and said, How shall the ark of the LORD come to me?
(10) So David would not remove the ark of the LORD unto him into the city of David: but David carried it aside into the house of Obededom the Gittite.
(11) And the ark of the LORD continued in the house of Obededom the Gittite three months: and the LORD blessed Obededom, and all his household.
(12) And it was told king David, saying, The LORD hath blessed the house of Obededom, 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 Obededom into the city of David with gladness.
(13) And it was *so*, that when they that bare the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed oxen and fatlings.

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(8) And David was displeased, because the LORD {Jehovah} had made a breach upon Uzzah: and he called the name of the place Perez-uzzah {breach of Uzzah}^d to this day.
(9) And David was afraid of the LORD {Jehovah} that day, and said, How shall the ark of the LORD {Jehovah} come to me?
(10) So David would not remove the ark of the LORD {Jehovah} to himself into the city of David: but David carried it aside into the house of Obededom the Gittite.
(11) And the ark of the LORD {Jehovah} continued in the house of Obededom the Gittite three months: and the LORD {Jehovah} blessed Obededom, and all his household.^e
(12) And it was told king David, saying, The LORD {Jehovah} has blessed the house of Obededom, and all that *belongs* to him, because of the ark of God. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obededom into the city of David with gladness.^f
(13) And it was *so*, that when those who carried the ark of the LORD {Jehovah} had gone six paces, he sacrificed oxen and fattened calves.

6:8d - Perezuzzah {פרץ עוה} - breach of Uzzah

Note: Uzzah was a Levite and attended to the ark in his home, but in Num. 4:15, specifically forbade anyone to touch the ark itself.

6:11e – I Chr. 15:25

6:12f – This time David made sure the proper protocol was followed with priests carrying the ark instead of placing it on a cart! - Num. 7:9; I Chr. 15:12-15

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(14) And David danced before the LORD with all *his* might; and David *was* girded with a linen ephod.

(15) So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

(16) And as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

(17) And they brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in his place, in the midst of the tabernacle that David had pitched for it: and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.

(18) And as soon as David had made an end of offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts.

(19) And he dealt among all the people, *even* among the whole multitude of Israel, as well to the women as men, to every one a cake of bread, and a good piece *of flesh*, and a flagon *of wine*. So all the people departed every one to his house.

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(14) And David danced before the LORD {Jehovah} with all *his* might; and David *was* clothed with a linen ephod {priestly robe}.^g

(15) So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD {Jehovah} with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

(16) And as the ark of the LORD {Jehovah} came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the LORD {Jehovah}; and she despised him in her heart.^h

(17) And they brought in the ark of the LORD {Jehovah}, and set it in its place, in the midst of the tabernacle that David had pitched for it: and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD {Jehovah}.

(18) And as soon as David had made an end of offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the Name of the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies}.

(19) And he gave all the people, *even* among the whole multitude of Israel, both to the women as well as to the men, to everyone a cake of bread, and a good piece *of meat*, and a container *of wine*. So all the people departed each to his own house.

6:14g - linen ephod - priestly robe -David had laid aside his kingly clothes and put on the linen clothes which were basically like a robe that was worn for religious services by those who were not priests. See I Sam. 2:18 - Samuel as a young child wore a linen ephod while serving in the tabernacle. I Chr. 15:27

6:16h - David, dancing and shouting with genuine joy before the Lord was not behaving in a manner that she thought a king should behave – I Chr. 15:29

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(20) Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Israel to day, who uncovered himself to day in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovereth himself!

(21) And David said unto Michal, *It was* before the LORD, which chose me before thy father, and before all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over Israel: therefore will I play before the LORD.

(22) And I will yet be more vile than thus, and will be base in mine own sight: and of the maidservants which thou hast spoken of, of them shall I be had in honour.

(23) Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no child unto the day of her death.

Chapter 7

(1) And it came to pass, when the king sat in his house, and the LORD had given him rest round about from all his enemies;

(2) That the king said unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains.

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(21) And David said to Michal, *It was* before the LORD {Jehovah}, Who chose me above your father, and above all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD {Jehovah}, over Israel: therefore I will play before the LORD {Jehovah}.

(22) And I will yet be more vile than this, and will be base in my own sight: and of the maidservants which you have spoken of, by them I shall be held in honor.

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(2) That the king said to Nathan the prophet, See now, I live in an house of cedar, but the ark of God lives within curtains.^b

7:1a – I Chr. 17:16f

7:2b – II Sam. 6:17