

# Who in the World is Obed-Edom?

## **Obed-Edom—*worker of Edom***

2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 6: 1-12 – the Beginning

1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles 13: 1-13 – the Beginning in in House

1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles 15: 16 – successfully moving the Ark

How did we get here?

– King Saul has just died!

– The Enemies of Israel are in Battle Boast! 1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles 10

– The Enemies are the Philistines (in modern times the people of Gaza, the people of the West Bank, The People of the Sea... the Mediterranean Sea, once called the Philistine Sea.

– Saul Died by falling on his own sword.

– Now David is the King – 1010 B.C.

– Then David took the City of Jebu from the Jebusites, which are the old Canaanites and made it his capital City, called the City of David, which we know as the Jerusalem.

But even before King Saul, before David, 20 years before David, the Ark of God was lost to the Philistines in battle and then returned by them but in the process of its return, God Killed 50,310 men for not handling the Ark with Holiness. The Ark was placed in a man's house named Abinadab, a Levite priest, and was left there for 20 years.

– David decided to move the Ark of God to the City of God, now Jerusalem and in the process another man died, Abinadab's son, Uzzah.

– David gets scared and afraid to move the ark any further; he places the Ark In the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite.

The Ark of God was placed in this man's house for only 3 months while David gets the priests together and plans the proper handling of the Ark of God. But when they came to get this Ark of God, the man, Obed-Edom was not the same and has become one of the great examples of gratitude and worship throughout the pages of the word.

The Display of Glory for the Ark of God (the presence of God).

1. He would not let it leave without him... Chapter 15: 16, 18

2. He would not let it leave without he being one of the Porters (caretakers of God's Ark/Presence)

- Porter vs 16, 18
- Singers vs 21
- Door Keepers vs 24
- Appointed Ministering agents of record Chapter 16: 4
- Temple Worker for life 1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles 26
- The Sons of Obed-Edom 1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles 26 : 4
- The Grandsons – men of valor vs 6
- Sixty-two sons and Grandsons vs 8
- Ministering as porters, chief men vs 12
- Having Wards (ministry times) vs 12
- Cast lots for a gate to guard vs 13
- To Obed-Edom, God chose them to be the wise councilors of the South vs 15

He lived and served God for over 200 years! He out-last-ed 15 Israelite Kings and 11 Judean kings... He is mentioned 20 times by God in His Word. We have a record of His life from David 1010 BC till Amazaiah 810BC

2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 25: 24 He is still guarding the vessels of the House of God after 200 plus years....

Who in the world is Obed-Edom?

- He was a man born to the wrong family.
- A man born in the wrong country.
- A man in the right place at the right time.
- A man who would not let God go...
- A man who could not personally do enough for God in His life time.
- A man who raised 62 men servants plus their wives and daughters...
- A man who gave his life guarding the Ark (Presence) of Holy God, Guarding the Covenant of God!!

? Who in the world is Abinadab?

- A man who had the Holiness of God's Covenant in his view but did not even get excited when it left... He helped it leave...
- A man who seemed to take God for granted.
- A man who lost his son to the judgment of God! Uzzah!