

¹And David made him houses in the city of David, and prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched for it a tent.²Then David said, None ought to carry the ark of God but the Levites: for them hath the LORD chosen to carry the ark of God, and to minister unto him for ever.³And David gathered all Israel together to Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the LORD unto his place, which he had prepared for it.⁴And David assembled the children of Aaron, and the Levites:⁵Of the sons of Kohath; Uriel the chief, and his brethren an hundred and twenty:⁶Of the sons of Merari; Asaiah the chief, and his brethren two hundred and twenty:⁷Of the sons of Gershon; Joel the chief, and his brethren an hundred and thirty:⁸Of the sons of Elizaphan; Shemaiah the chief, and his brethren two hundred:⁹Of the sons of Hebron; Eliel the chief, and his brethren fourscore:¹⁰Of the sons of Uzziel; Amminadab the chief, and his brethren an hundred and twelve.¹¹And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites, for Uriel, Asaiah, and Joel, Shemaiah, and Eliel, and Amminadab,¹²And said unto them, Ye are the chief of the fathers of the Levites: sanctify yourselves, both ye and your brethren, that ye may bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel unto the place that I have prepared for it.¹³For because ye did it not at the first, the LORD our God made a breach upon us, for that we sought him not after the due order.¹⁴So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel.¹⁵And the children of the Levites bare the ark of

¹وَعَمَلَ دَاوُدُ لِنَفْسِهِ بُيُوتًا فِي مَدِينَةِ دَاوُدَ، وَأَعَدَّ مَكَانًا لِتَابُوتِ اللَّهِ وَتَصَبَّ لَهُ خِيَمَةً.²حِينَئِذٍ قَالَ دَاوُدُ، لَيْسَ لِأَحَدٍ أَنْ يَحْمِلَ تَابُوتَ اللَّهِ إِلَّا لِللَّوِيِّينَ، لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ إِنَّمَا اخْتَارَهُمْ لِحَمْلِ تَابُوتِ اللَّهِ وَلِخِدْمَتِهِ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ.³وَجَمَعَ دَاوُدُ كُلَّ إِسْرَائِيلَ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ لِأَجْلِ إِصْعَادِ تَابُوتِ الرَّبِّ إِلَى مَكَانِهِ الَّذِي أَعَدَّهُ لَهُ.⁴فَجَمَعَ دَاوُدُ بَنِي هَارُونَ وَاللَّوِيِّينَ.⁵مِنْ بَنِي قَهَاتِ أَوْرِيئِيلَ الرَّئِيسَ، وَإِخْوَتُهُ مِنْهُ وَعِشْرِينَ.⁶مِنْ بَنِي مَرَارِي عَسَايَا الرَّئِيسَ، وَإِخْوَتُهُ مِنْهُ مِئَتَيْنِ وَعِشْرِينَ.⁷مِنْ بَنِي جَرْشُومَ يُوئِيلَ الرَّئِيسَ، وَإِخْوَتُهُ مِنْهُ وَثَلَاثِينَ.⁸مِنْ بَنِي أَلِيصَافَانَ شَمَعْيَا الرَّئِيسَ، وَإِخْوَتُهُ مِئَتَيْنِ.⁹مِنْ بَنِي حَبْرُونَ إِيْلِيئِيلَ الرَّئِيسَ، وَإِخْوَتُهُ ثَمَانِينَ.¹⁰مِنْ بَنِي عَزْرِيئِيلَ عَمِّيئَادَابَ الرَّئِيسَ، وَإِخْوَتُهُ مِنْهُ وَأَرْبَعُونَ.¹¹وَدَعَا دَاوُدُ صَادُوقَ وَأَبِيئَاتَارَ الْكَاهِنَيْنِ وَاللَّوِيِّينَ أَوْرِيئِيلَ وَعَسَايَا وَيُؤِيلَ وَشَمَعْيَا وَإِيْلِيئِيلَ وَعَمِّيئَادَابَ وَقَالَ لَهُمْ، أَنْتُمْ رُؤُوسُ آبَاءِ اللَّوِيِّينَ، فَتَقَدَّسُوا أَنْتُمْ وَإِخْوَتُكُمْ وَأَصْعِدُوا تَابُوتَ الرَّبِّ إِلَيْهِ إِسْرَائِيلَ إِلَى جَيْتٍ أَعَدَدْتُ لَهُ.¹²لَئِنَّهُ إِنْ لَمْ تَكُونُوا فِي الْمَرَّةِ الْأُولَى، افْتَحَمَنَا الرَّبُّ إِلَهُنَا، لِأَنَّا لَمْ نَسْأَلْهُ حَسَبَ الْمَرْسُومِ.¹³فَقَدَّسَ الْكَهَنَةُ وَاللَّوِيُّونَ لِيُصْعِدُوا تَابُوتَ الرَّبِّ إِلَيْهِ إِسْرَائِيلَ.¹⁴وَحَمَلَ بَنُو اللَّوِيِّينَ تَابُوتَ اللَّهِ كَمَا أَمَرَ مُوسَى حَسَبَ كَلَامِ الرَّبِّ بِالْعَصِيِّ عَلَى أَكْتَافِهِمْ.¹⁵وَأَمَرَ دَاوُدُ رُؤَسَاءَ اللَّوِيِّينَ أَنْ يُوَقِفُوا إِخْوَتَهُمُ الْمُعْتَبِينَ بِأَلَاتٍ غِنَاءٍ، بِعِيدَانٍ وَرَبَابٍ وَصُوجٍ، مُسَمِّعِينَ يَرْفَعُ الصَّوْتَ بِقَرَجٍ.¹⁶فَأَوْقَفَ اللَّوِيُّونَ هَيْمَانَ بْنَ يُؤِيلَ، وَمِنْ إِخْوَتِهِ آسَافُ بْنُ بَرَحْيَا، وَمِنْ بَنِي مَرَارِي إِخْوَتُهُمْ إِيثَانَ بْنُ فُوشِيَا، وَمَعَهُمْ إِخْوَتُهُمُ التَّوَابِي، زَكْرِيَّا وَبَيْنَ وَغَزْرِيئِيلَ وَشَمِيرَامُوتَ وَبَحْيَيْئِيلَ وَغُنِّيَّ وَأَلِيَّابَ وَبَنِيَّائَا وَمَعَسِيَا وَمَتِّيَا وَأَلِيفْلِيَا وَمَقْنِيَا وَغُوبِيدَ أُدُومَ وَبَعِيئِيلَ التَّوَابِينَ.¹⁷وَالْمُعْتَنُونَ هَيْمَانُ وَآسَافُ وَإِيثَانُ يَصْنُوجُ نُحَاسٍ لِلنَّسْمِيعِ.¹⁸وَزَكْرِيَّا وَغَزْرِيئِيلُ وَشَمِيرَامُوتُ وَبَحْيَيْئِيلُ وَغُنِّيَّ وَأَلِيَّابُ وَمَعَسِيَا وَبَنِيَّائَا بِالرَّبَابِ عَلَى الْجَوَابِ.¹⁹وَمَتِّيَا وَأَلِيفْلِيَا وَمَقْنِيَا وَغُوبِيدَ أُدُومَ وَبَعِيئِيلُ وَغَزْرِيَّا بِالْعِيدَانِ عَلَى الْقَرَارِ لِلْإِمَامَةِ.²⁰وَكَتْنِيَّا رَئِيسُ اللَّوِيِّينَ عَلَى الْحَمْلِ مُرْشِدًا فِي الْحَمْلِ لَئِنَّهُ كَانَ خَبِيرًا.²¹وَبَرَحْيَا وَالْقَائِمَةُ بَوَابَانَ لِلتَّابُوتِ.²²وَشَبِيئَا وَبُوشَافَاطَ وَتَشْيِيلَ وَعَمَّاسَائِي وَزَكْرِيَّا وَبَنِيَّائَا وَالْبَعَزْرُ الْكَهَنَةُ يَنْفَخُونَ بِالْأَبْوَاقِ أَمَامَ تَابُوتِ اللَّهِ، وَغُوبِيدَ أُدُومَ وَيَحْيَى بَوَابَانَ لِلتَّابُوتِ.²³وَكَانَ دَاوُدُ وَشُيُوعُ إِسْرَائِيلَ

God upon their shoulders with the staves thereon, as Moses commanded according to the word of the LORD.¹⁶ And David spake to the chief of the Levites to appoint their brethren to be the singers with instruments of musick, psalteries and harps and cymbals, sounding, by lifting up the voice with joy.¹⁷ So the Levites appointed Heman the son of Joel; and of his brethren, Asaph the son of Berechiah; and of the sons of Merari their brethren, Ethan the son of Kushaiah;¹⁸ And with them their brethren of the second degree, Zechariah, Ben, and Jaaziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, Eliab, and Benaiah, and Maaseiah, and Mattithiah, and Elipheleh, and Mikneiah, and Obededom, and Jeiel, the porters.¹⁹ So the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, were appointed to sound with cymbals of brass;²⁰ And Zechariah, and Aziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, and Eliab, and Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with psalteries on Alamoth;²¹ And Mattithiah, and Elipheleh, and Mikneiah, and Obededom, and Jeiel, and Azaziah, with harps on the Sheminith to excel.²² And Chenaniah, chief of the Levites, was for song: he instructed about the song, because he was skilful.²³ And Berechiah and Elkanah were doorkeepers for the ark.²⁴ And Shebaniah, and Jehoshaphat, and Nethaneel, and Amasai, and Zechariah, and Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, did blow with the trumpets before the ark of God: and Obededom and Jehiah were doorkeepers for the ark.²⁵ So David, and the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands, went to bring up the ark

وَرُؤُسَاءُ الْأُلُوفِ هُمُ الَّذِينَ دَهَبُوا لِإِصْعَادِ تَابُوتِ عَهْدِ الرَّبِّ، مِنْ بَيْتِ عُوبَيْدَ أَدُومَ يَفْرَحُ.²⁶ وَلَمَّا أَغْلَنَ اللَّهُ الْلاَوِيِّينَ حَامِلِي تَابُوتِ عَهْدِ الرَّبِّ دَبَّحُوا سَبْعَةَ غُجُولٍ وَسَبْعَةَ كِبَاشٍ.²⁷ وَكَانَ دَاوُدَ لَايِسًا جُبَّةً مِنْ كَتَّانٍ، وَجَمِيعُ الْلاَوِيِّينَ حَامِلِينَ التَّابُوتَ، وَالْمُغَنُّونَ وَكَتَبًا رَئِيسُ الْحَمَلِ مَعَ الْمُغَنِّينَ. وَكَانَ عَلَى دَاوُدَ أَفُودٌ مِنْ كَتَّانٍ.²⁸ فَكَانَ جَمِيعُ إِسْرَائِيلَ يُضْعِدُونَ تَابُوتَ عَهْدِ الرَّبِّ يَهْتَفِ، وَيَصُوتُ الْأَصْوَارَ وَالْأَبْوَاقَ وَالصُّنُوجَ يُصَوِّتُونَ بِالزَّبَابِ وَالْعِيدَانِ.²⁹ وَلَمَّا دَخَلَ تَابُوتُ عَهْدِ الرَّبِّ مَدِينَةَ دَاوُدَ أَسْرَفَتْ مِيكَالُ بِنْتُ شَاوُلَ مِنَ الْكُؤَةِ قَرَأَتِ الْمَلِكُ دَاوُدَ يَرْفُصُ وَيَلْعَبُ، فَاحْتَقَرَتْهُ فِي قَلْبِهَا.

of the covenant of the LORD out of the house of Obededom with joy.²⁶ And it came to pass, when God helped the Levites that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, that they offered seven bullocks and seven rams.²⁷ And David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Levites that bare the ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah the master of the song with the singers: David also had upon him an ephod of linen.²⁸ Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting, and with sound of the cornet, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, making a noise with psalteries and harps.²⁹ And it came to pass, as the ark of the covenant of the LORD came to the city of David, that Michal the daughter of Saul looking out at a window saw king David dancing and playing: and she despised him in her heart.