

~OBED-EDOM 1 (84)

(O'bed-e'dom) [meaning, Servant of Edom]

- A Gittite at whose home the ark of the covenant was kept for three months after its near upset and the accompanying death of Uzzah. For the duration of its stay there, **Obed-edom** and his household were blessed by Yehowah, and when David learned of this he took it as an indication that Yehowah favored bringing the sacred chest on to Jerusalem.
- And David was not willing to remove the ark of Yehowah to him at the City of David. So David had it carried aside to the house of **Obed-edom** the Gittite. (**2 Samuel 6:10**)
- And the ark of Yehowah kept dwelling at the house of **Obed-edom** the Gittite three months, and Yehowah kept blessing **Obed-edom** and all his household. (**2 Samuel 6:11**)
- Finally the report was made to King David, saying; Yehowah has blessed the house of **Obed-edom** and all that is his on account of the ark of the true God. At that David proceeded to go and bring the ark of the true God out of the house of Obed-edom up to the City of David with rejoicing. (**2 Samuel 6:12**)
- And David did not remove the Ark to himself at the City of David, but he carried it aside to the house of **Obed-edom** the Gittite. (**1 Chronicles 13:13**)
- And the ark of the true God kept dwelling with the household of **Obed-edom**, at his house three months, and Yehowah kept blessing the household of Obed-edom and all that was his. (**1 Chronicles 13:14**)
- And David and the older men of Israel and the chiefs of the thousands came to be the ones walking along to bring up the ark of the covenant of Yehowah from the house of **Obed-edom** with rejoicing. (**1 Chronicles 15:25**)
- **Obed-edom** was a **Gittite**. Normally this term designated a Philistine of Gath, but it can also refer to someone from Gath-rimmon, a Levite city in Dan assigned to the Kohathites.

- And for the families of the sons of Kohath, the Levites who were left over of the sons of Kohath, there came to be by their lot cities out of the tribe of Ephraim. (**Joshua 21:20**)
- And from the tribe of Dan, Elteke and its pasture ground, Gibbethon and its pasture ground. (**Joshua 21:23**)
- Aijalon and its pasture ground, Gath-rimmon and its pasture ground, four cities. (**Joshua 21:24**)
- Entrusted as he was with the care of the Ark, he had to be a Levite and hence must have been a Gittite from Gath-rimmon rather than a Philistine Gittite from Gath.
- The name **Obed-edom** is found a number of times among Levite musicians and gatekeepers of the Davidic period. There are at least two such individuals referred to
- And Mattithiah and Eliphelehu and Mikneiah and **Obed-edom** and Jeiel and Azariah with harps tuned to Sheminith, to act as directors. (**1 Chronicles 15:21**)
- And Shebaniah and Joshaphat and Nethanel and Amasai and Zechariah and Benaiah and Eliezer the priests loudly sounding the trumpets before the ark of the true God, and **Obed-edom** and Jehiah the gatekeepers for the Ark. (**1 Chronicles 15:24**)
- And **Obed-edom** and his brothers, sixty-eight, and Obed-edom the son of Jeduthun and Hosah as gatekeepers. (**1 Chronicles 16:38**)
- But beyond this it is impossible to determine whether the several other texts refer to either of these, or to still other contemporary individuals. Thus, **Obed-edom**, the **Gittite**, may possibly be the same as either.

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