

# The Psalms of Ascents

## Week 4 – Thursday

Deut. 12:5-7, 11, 18, 26-27 – Footnote 5<sup>1</sup>

Once David became the king, first king of Judah and then later the king of the entire nation of Israel, he moved the capitol from Hebron to Jerusalem. He received the revelation from God to know that Jerusalem was the place that God had selected to put His name. When David became king of the entire nation of Israel, the first thing that he did was to capture Jerusalem. At that time, Jerusalem did not belong to Israel so David waged war against the people who lived in Jerusalem. After that, he moved his capitol to Jerusalem. The second thing that he did was to move the ark of the covenant into the city of Jerusalem. He cared for God's heart. The ark had been captured while Samuel was still young when Eli was the high priest. Afterward the ark was returned to Israel. Through the whole time of Samuel and king Saul, about 60 years, no one cared for the ark and no one cared for Moses' word that there would be a place that God had chosen for His name and for His people to come together (Deut. 12:5-7, 11, 18, 26-27). When David ascended to the throne to be the king of the nation of Israel, the first thing that he did was to care for the things concerning the ark. He wanted to bring the ark back to the tent that he prepared for it in Jerusalem. This is why God identified David as a man after His heart. We will describe this matter in detail in the next psalm. That psalm mentions that David became a humble person as he went through many dealings from God.