

# 2 Samuel 6:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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

This verse contributes to the narrative of Ark Brought to Jerusalem, emphasizing reverence in worship, God's holiness. The ark's journey to Jerusalem emphasizes God's transcendent holiness and the necessity of approaching Him on His terms. Uzzah's death for touching the ark (though apparently well-intentioned) teaches that sincerity doesn't override obedience. David's dancing demonstrates appropriate joy in worship. Michal's contempt reveals heart attitudes toward genuine worship. The Hebrew qodesh (קדש, 'holiness') dominates this chapter.

## Historical Context

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The historical setting of 2 Samuel 6 occurs during David's reign (circa 1010-970 BCE) over Israel's united monarchy. Archaeological discoveries, including the Tel Dan inscription mentioning the 'House of David,' corroborate biblical historicity. Ancient Near Eastern customs regarding reverence in worship, God's holiness provide crucial background. The geopolitical situation involved regional powers—Philistines, Ammonites, Arameans, Moabites, Edomites—as David consolidated and expanded Israel's territory. Cultural practices concerning kingship, warfare, covenant relationships, family dynamics, and religious observance differed significantly from modern Western contexts, requiring careful attention to avoid

anachronistic interpretation while extracting timeless theological principles applicable across cultures and eras.

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. How does this passage deepen your understanding of reverence in worship, God's holiness?
2. What does this verse reveal about God's character, and how should that shape your worship and obedience?
3. In what specific ways can you apply this truth to your current circumstances and relationships this week?

## Interlinear Text

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אָרֶן וְאֶת מִזְבֵּחַ וְכָל־יִתְּהֻדִּים  
the ark and the altar and all the house of Israel  
So David H3605 and all the house H1004 of Israel H3478 brought up H5927 the ark H727  
H1732 H853 H727

שׁוֹפֵר: וְכָל־זָלֶל בְּתִרְוּעַ הַיְהוּנָה  
of the trumpet and with the sound with shouting of the LORD  
H7782 H6963 H8643 H3068

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 150:3** (Parallel theme): Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.

**Psalms 47:1** (Parallel theme): O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

**1 Chronicles 15:28** (References Lord): 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.

**1 Chronicles 15:25** (References Lord): So David, and the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands, went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the house of Obed-edom with joy.

**1 Chronicles 15:16** (References David): 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.

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