

# 2 Samuel 6:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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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 (קֹדֶשׁ, '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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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## 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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וַיָּקִם	וַיֵּלֶךְ	וְדָוִד	וְכָל	הָעָם	אֲשֶׁר	אֶת
arose	H1980	And David	H3605	with all the people	H834	H854
H6965		H1732		H5971		
מִבְּעַלֵּי		יְהוּדָה		לְהֵעֵל	וְהָיָה	אֵת
H0		that were with him from Baale of Judah	H1184	to bring up	H5927	H853
אֶרֶץ	אֲשֶׁר	הָאֱלֹהִים	נִקְרָא	שֵׁם	שֵׁם	
from thence the ark	of God	H834	is called	by the name	by the name	
H727	H430		H7121	H8034	H8034	
יְהוָה	צָבָא	יֵשׁ	הַכְּרֻבִּים	עָלָיו:		
of the LORD	of hosts	that dwelleth	between the cherubims	H5921		
H3068	H6635	H3427	H3742			

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Samuel 4:4** (References God): So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from thence the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth between the cherubims: and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God.

**Psalms 80:1** (Parallel theme): Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; thou that dwellest between the cherubims, shine forth.

**1 Samuel 7:1** (References Lord): And the men of Kirjath-jearim came, and fetched up the ark of the LORD, and brought it into the house of Abinadab in the hill, and sanctified Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the LORD.

**1 Peter 1:12** (Parallel theme): Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

**Isaiah 54:5** (References God): For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.

**Isaiah 47:4** (References Lord): As for our redeemer, the LORD of hosts is his name, the Holy One of Israel.

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