

# 2 Samuel 6:3

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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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## 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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וּשְׂאָהוּ	חֲדָשָׁה:	הָעֶגְלָה	אֶל	הָאֱלֹהִים	אֶרֶץ	אֶת	וּזְכָּבוּ
and brought	the new	cart		of God	the ark		And they set
H5375	H2319	H5699	H413	H430	H727	H853	H7392
וְאֶחָיו	וְעֵזָא	בְּגִבְעָה	אֲשֶׁר	אֲבִינָדָב	מִבֵּית		
and Ahio	and Uzzah	that was in Gibeah		of Abinadab	it out of the house		
H283	H5798	H1390	H834	H41	H1004		
חֲדָשָׁה:	הָעֶגְלָה	אֶת	נֹהֲגֵי	אֲבִינָדָב	בְּנֵי		
the new	cart		drave	of Abinadab	the sons		
H2319	H5699	H853	H5090	H41	H1121		

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Samuel 6:7** (Parallel theme): Now therefore make a new cart, and take two milch kine, on which there hath come no yoke, and tie the kine to the cart, and bring their calves home from them:

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