

# 2 Samuel 6:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

**And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God.**

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 (קָדֵשׁ, 'holiness') dominates this chapter.

## Historical Context

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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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

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

## 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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<b>was kindled</b>	<b>And the anger</b>	<b>of the LORD</b>	<b>against Uzzah</b>	<b>smote</b>
H2734	H639	H3068	H5798	H8033

בְּאֱלֹהִים:	עַל	הַשְׁלֵ	וְמַתָּ	עַ
<b>and God</b>	<b>H5921</b>	<b>him there for his error</b>	<b>and there he died</b>	<b>H8033</b>
H430		H7944	H4191	H5973

בְּאֱלֹהִים:	אֶרְזִ
<b>by the ark</b>	<b>and God</b>
H727	H430

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Samuel 6:19** (References Lord): And he smote the men of Beth-shemesh, because they had looked into the ark of the LORD, even he smote of the people fifty thousand and threescore and ten men: and the people lamented, because the LORD had smitten many of the people with a great slaughter.

**1 Chronicles 15:13** (References God): For because ye did it not at the first, the LORD our God made a breach upon us, for that we sought him not after the due order.

**1 Chronicles 13:10** (References God): And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzza, and he smote him, because he put his hand to the ark: and there he died before God.

**1 Chronicles 15:2** (References God): Then David said, None ought to carry the ark of God but the Levites: for them hath the LORD chosen to carry the ark of God, and to minister unto him for ever.

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