



**February 15 2026: Rev. Tony Howard**

**Read 2 Samuel 7:1-17**

**Jesus Is A King Who Reigns & Rescues With His Presence & Provision**

**Jesus Is A King Who Represents & Redeems Us With His Power & Promise**

1. Why is a king a helpful & beneficial thing for Israel? What does a king do to bless Israel? What does this say about our needs today?
2. Read King David's words in verse 2. What is motivating David's desire? What are spiritual desires or efforts that we have that might have the right intention but the wrong perspective or approach?
3. Read God's response through Nathan in verses 5-11. What jumps out to you about what God is saying?
4. Where do you sense and feel God's presence in your life the strongest? What interferes with our living with trust in God's presence?
5. How can you see God's provision and protection in your life? What things in your life cloud your ability to see these?
6. Do you sense that God is ultimately in control of life, or is this hard to see? How do you see God's rule and reign in your life and actions?
7. Read verses 12-17. What jumps out to you?
8. Why is the "steadfast love" that is mentioned in verse 15 so critical to our understanding of the passage? Where do you sense God's love and grace in his presence in your life?
9. If it is true that Jesus is king and that He is truly king forever, what is our right response? What are practical responses to his reign that you would like to see in your life?



**February 1<sup>st</sup> 2026: Hugh Barlett**

**David Kingdom is a historical preparation, prophetic portrayal, & a personal inspiration.**

**2 Samuel 6:1–12** David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. <sup>2</sup> And David arose and went with all the people who were with him from Baale-judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who sits enthroned on the cherubim. <sup>3</sup> And they carried the ark of God on a new cart and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. And Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart, <sup>4</sup> with the ark of God, and Ahio went before the ark. <sup>5</sup> And David and all the house of Israel were celebrating before the LORD, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. <sup>6</sup> And when they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah put out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled. <sup>7</sup> And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah, and God struck him down there because of his error, and he died there beside the ark of God. <sup>8</sup> And David was angry because the LORD had broken out against Uzzah. And that place is called Perez-uzzah to this day. <sup>9</sup> And David was afraid of the LORD that day, and he said, “How can the ark of the LORD come to me?”

**Experiencing God's blessed presence**

*How can we live in the presence of God?*

**God's King calls us to unity in worship & mission**

**Ark reveals His redemptive presence**

- **Footstool: Authority: God's heavenly rule**
- **Cherubim: Holiness: Angelic barrier to God**
- **Mercy Seat, Rod of Aaron: Redemptive**
- **Ten Commandments: Covenant Life**
- **Manna: God's provision for the journey**

**Reverence & Repentance must be reestablished**

**Not our own prescriptions**

**Nor own presumptions**

**Numbers 4:15 do not touch the holy things of God or die**

**Numbers 7:9 carry ark on shoulders not cart**

**1 Chronicles 15:13- did not carry it**



- 1. How is transcendent authority necessary for unity in the church ? family? Culture?**
- 2. How is David's question," How can the ark come to me? "relevant to us?**
- 3. Why do we rarely appreciate the distant between humanity and God?**
- 4. Why do we not get struck "dead" when we reach to touch God?**
- 5. How do reestablish reverence and repentance in our life?**