

1 Samuel 20:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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Jonathan's instructions reference 'the place where thou didst hide thyself when the business was in hand' - a familiar location from a previous crisis. The 'stone Ezel' (possibly meaning 'departure' or 'stone of parting') served as the agreed meeting point. The three-day waiting period allowed events to unfold fully. Jonathan's detailed planning shows that faith does not preclude careful preparation. The stone would witness their final farewell - landmarks often acquire significance from the events that occur there.

Historical Context

Landmarks like large stones served as meeting points before modern navigation. The name 'Ezel' may have commemorated earlier departure or carried significance now lost. Previous hiding locations provided tested security for dangerous meetings.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 – Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. What physical locations hold spiritual significance from important events in your life?
2. How does careful planning complement trust in God's protection?

Interlinear Text

וְלֹשֶׁת	תְּנִזֵּן	מֵאָד	וְבָאתָ
And when thou hast stayed three days	then thou shalt go down	quickly	and come
H8027	H3381	H3966	H935
אֲלֹהִים	נִסְתַּרְתָּ	שִׁבְעָה	כְּמַעַשְׁ
אֲלֹהִים	נִסְתַּרְתָּ	שִׁבְעָה	הַמְעָשָׁה
to the place	where thou didst hide	thyself when	the business
H413	H5641	H3117	H4639
וְלֹשֶׁת	בְּאֵין	בְּאֵין	בְּאֵין
was in hand and shalt remain	by	the stone	Ezel
H3427	H681	H68	H237

Additional Cross-References

1 Samuel 19:2 (Parallel theme): But Jonathan Saul's son delighted much in David: and Jonathan told David, saying, Saul my father seeketh to kill thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself until the morning, and abide in a secret place, and hide thyself: