

1 Samuel 27:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then Achish gave him Ziklag that day: wherefore Ziklag pertaineth unto the kings of Judah unto this day.

Analysis

Achish's gift of Ziklag to David establishes an ironic reversal: the future king of Israel receives his first territorial possession from a Philistine lord. The editorial note that 'Ziklag pertaineth unto the kings of Judah unto this day' indicates this city remained crown property for generations. The Hebrew 'lacen' (therefore, on account of this) suggests Ziklag's status resulted directly from this grant. God's providence works through strange channels, using even pagan generosity to establish David's initial domain.

Historical Context

Ziklag's location in the Negev, on the border between Philistine and Israelite territory, made it ideal for David's purposes. Originally assigned to Judah (Joshua 15:31), it had apparently come under Philistine control. David's possession of it began his territorial accumulation.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How has God provided for you through unexpected and unlikely sources?
2. What possessions or opportunities have come from circumstances you might have questioned at the time?

Interlinear Text

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| וַתֵּן | לֹ | אָכִישׁ | הַיּוֹם | הַהוּא | אֶת | צִקְלָג | לְכִן | הַיּוֹם |
| gave | H0 | Then Achish | that day | H1931 | H853 | him Ziklag | H3651 | H1961 |
| H5414 | | H397 | H3117 | | | H6860 | | |
| צִקְלָג | לְמֶלֶכִּי | יְהוּדָה | עַד | הַיּוֹם | הַהוּא | | | |
| him Ziklag | pertaineth unto the kings | of Judah | H5704 | that day | H2088 | | | |
| H6860 | H4428 | H3063 | | H3117 | | | | |

Additional Cross-References

Nehemiah 11:28 (Parallel theme): And at Ziklag, and at Mekonah, and in the villages thereof,

Joshua 15:31 (Parallel theme): And Ziklag, and Madmannah, and Sansannah,