

1 Samuel 28:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines: and to morrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me: the LORD also shall deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the Philistines.

Analysis

Samuel's prophecy extends beyond Saul to his sons and army: 'Tomorrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me.' The phrase 'with me' suggests the realm of the dead rather than any blessed state. The comprehensive disaster, 'the LORD also shall deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the Philistines,' reveals that Saul's sin has national consequences. Leadership failure brings judgment not just on the leader but on those under his authority. The specificity of 'tomorrow' leaves no room for escape or repentance.

Historical Context

The prophecy proved accurate: Saul and three sons (Jonathan, Abinadab, and Malchi-shua) died the next day on Gilboa. The army was routed, and Philistines occupied significant Israelite territory. One generation's disobedience affected an entire nation.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How do leaders' sins affect those under their authority?
2. What does the certainty of prophetic fulfillment teach about taking God's warnings seriously?

Interlinear Text

וְיַעֲמֹד	ישָׁרָאֵל	לֹא	אַתָּה	גַּם	וְיַהְיֶה	הָיָה	וְיַבְּנֶה
also shall deliver	Moreover the LORD					Israel	
H5414	H3068		H1571	H853		H3478	H5973
בְּיַד	פְּלִשְׁתִּים:	רָא	וְמִמֶּנּוּ	הַמִּלְחָמָה	אַתָּה	וְיַבְּנֶה	
into the hand	of the Philistines	and to morrow			H859	shalt thou and thy sons	
H3027	H6430	H4279				H1121	
וְיַהְיֶה	וְיַעֲמֹד	וְיַבְּנֶה	וְיַהְיֶה	וְיַהְיֶה	וְיַהְיֶה	וְיַהְיֶה	וְיַהְיֶה
בְּיַד	מִצְבֵּה	לֹא	מִצְבֵּה	וְיַעֲמֹד	וְיַבְּנֶה	וְיַהְיֶה	וְיַהְיֶה
the host	the host		the host	also shall deliver	Moreover the LORD		
H4264	H3478		H5414	H3068			
בְּיַד	פְּלִשְׁתִּים:						
into the hand	of the Philistines						
H3027	H6430						

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