

1 Samuel 30:25

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And it was so from that day forward, that he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel unto this day.

Analysis

The narrative notes that David's ruling became permanent policy: 'a statute and an ordinance for Israel unto this day.' The Hebrew 'choq umishpat' (statute and ordinance) uses legal terminology for binding regulations. David's wisdom in this moment established precedent extending beyond the immediate situation. Future generations inherited this principle of equal sharing. Leadership decisions in crisis often shape long-term policy.

Historical Context

The phrase 'unto this day' indicates the narrator wrote after David's time, showing this statute remained in force during the writing of 1 Samuel. David's ruling became incorporated into Israel's military law.

Related Passages

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Study Questions

1. What decisions you make today might become principles for future generations?

2. How do crisis responses sometimes establish lasting policies?

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