

# 1 Samuel 30:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

To them which were in Beth-el, and to them which were in south Ramoth, and to them which were in Jattir,

## Analysis

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The list of recipient cities begins with Beth-el, south Ramoth, and Jattir. These southern Judean locations had provided refuge during David's fugitive years. The specific naming of these towns preserves historical memory of David's network of support. Each name represents a community that risked Saul's anger by protecting David. His gifts now reward their loyalty and strengthen future alliance.

## Historical Context

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Beth-el here is likely a southern location distinct from the famous northern sanctuary. South Ramoth and Jattir were towns in the hill country of Judah. These communities had apparently supported David during Saul's persecution.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. Who supported you when doing so was risky or unpopular?
2. How do you maintain relationships with those who helped before you had anything to offer?

## Interlinear Text

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וְלָאֶשׁ רַ	בְּבֵית	אֵל	וְלָאֶשׁ רַ	בְּרָמוֹת
To them	H0	which were in Bethel	To them	Ramoth
H834		H1008	H834	H7418
	וְנָגַב	וְלָאֶשׁ רַ	בְּיַתֵּר:	
and to them	which were in south	To them	and to them which were in Jattir	
H5045		H834	H3492	

## Additional Cross-References

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**Joshua 15:48** (Parallel theme): And in the mountains, Shamir, and Jattir, and Socoh,

**Joshua 19:8** (Parallel theme): And all the villages that were round about these cities to Baalath-beer, Ramath of the south. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families.

**Genesis 28:19** (Parallel theme): And he called the name of that place Beth-el: but the name of that city was called Luz at the first.

**Joshua 21:14** (Parallel theme): And Jattir with her suburbs, and Eshtemoa with her suburbs,