

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

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

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

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

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

בְּרִמּוֹת וְלֹאַשׁ ר

To them

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which were in Bethel

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בְּרִמּוֹת וְלֹאַשׁ ר

To them

H834

Ramoth

H7418

וְגַב

וְלֹאַשׁ ר

בִּיתָרָה

and to them which were in south

H5045

To them

H834

and to them which were in Jattir

H3492

Additional Cross-References

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,