

1 Samuel 30:29

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And to them which were in Rachal, and to them which were in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, and to them which were in the cities of the Kenites,

Analysis

Rachal, the cities of the Jerahmeelites, and the cities of the Kenites receive gifts, extending David's reach to tribal groups allied with Judah. The Jerahmeelites, descendants of Jerahmeel son of Hezron (1 Chronicles 2:9), were a Judean clan. The Kenites, descendants of Jethro's family, had allied with Israel since Moses' time. David's gifts strengthen ties with these associated peoples who would later support his kingship.

Historical Context

The Kenites' connection to Moses' family (Judges 1:16) gave them special status in Israel. David's earlier lie to Achish (27:10) claimed to be raiding these groups; his gifts now prove his true loyalty was always with Judah's allies.

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