

1 Samuel 30:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

So David went, he and the six hundred men that were with him, and came to the brook Besor, where those that were left behind stayed.

Analysis

The pursuit begins with all six hundred men, demonstrating David's ability to rally grieving, bitter men for immediate military action. The brook Besor, marking the southern boundary of settled territory, becomes a dividing point in the narrative. The phrase 'those that were left behind stayed' introduces the issue of exhausted soldiers that will create later conflict. David's leadership must now balance military necessity with care for the weak.

Historical Context

The Brook Besor (modern Wadi Gaza) flows into the Mediterranean south of Gaza. Its mention establishes the extreme southern direction of the pursuit, toward Egyptian territory where the Amalekites ranged.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How do you mobilize demoralized people for necessary action?

2. What happens when some cannot continue with the group's mission?

Interlinear Text

וַיֵּלֶךְ	דָּוִד	הָיָא	וְשֵׁשׁ	מֵאֹת	אִישׁ	אֶשֶׁר	אֵת
H1980	So David	H1931	he and the six	hundred	men	H834	H854
	H1732		H8337	H3967	H376		
	וַיָּבֹאוּ	עַד	בְּחַלְ	הַבְּשׁוֹר			
	that were with him and came	H5704	to the brook	Besor			
	H935		H5158	H1308			
	וְהַנּוֹתָרִים	עָמְדוּ:					
	where those that were left behind	stayed					
	H3498	H5975					

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