

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

את וְאֶשְׁר אִישׁ מֵאַת שָׁשׁ וְאֶת לְגֹרֶת

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