

1 Samuel 31:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armourbearer, and all his men, that same day together.

Analysis

The summary statement 'So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armourbearer, and all his men, that same day together' emphasizes completeness of destruction. The phrase 'all his men' may refer to his immediate retinue rather than the entire army. The Hebrew 'yacdaw' (together) stresses their common fate. One day ends the house of Saul as a ruling force, though one son survives to briefly contest David's succession.

Historical Context

The concentration of royal casualties in one day decapitated Saul's government. While some army survived to fight another day, the command structure was destroyed, enabling Philistine territorial expansion.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How quickly can established structures collapse when judgment comes?

2. What does the completeness of this disaster reveal about God's decisive action in history?

Interlinear Text

וַיָּמָת	שָׂא וּל	וּשְׁלֹשֶׁת	בָּנָיו	וְנֹשֵׂא	כָּל יוֹם	גַּם
died	So Saul	and his three	sons	and his armourbearer	H3627	H1571
H4191	H7586	H7969	H1121	H5375		
כָּל	אֲנָשׁ יוֹם	בַּיּוֹם	הַהוּא	יַחְדָּו:		
H3605	H376	that same day	H1931	together		
		H3117		H3162		

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