

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

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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 שָׁאָול וְשָׁלַשׁ שָׁאָול בְּנֵי יְנִשָּׁא אֶל־
died **So Saul** **and his three** **sons** **and his armourbearer**
H4191 H7586 H7969 H1121 H5375

וְיָמָת שָׁאָול בְּנֵי יְנִשָּׁא אֶל־
H3605 H376 **that same day** H1931 **together**
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