

2 Samuel 13:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the narrative of Amnon and Tamar, emphasizing unresolved sin, family breakdown. Amnon's rape of Tamar and Absalom's revenge illustrate how unresolved sin metastasizes into family-wide dysfunction. David's failure to discipline Amnon (possibly from guilt over his own sexual sin) enabled further tragedy. Hebrew terminology emphasizes Tamar's desolation and Absalom's calculated hatred. The narrative demonstrates intergenerational sin consequences and the necessity of proper justice administration.

Historical Context

The historical setting of 2 Samuel 13 occurs during David's reign (circa 1010-970 BCE) over Israel's united monarchy. Archaeological discoveries, including the Tel Dan inscription mentioning the 'House of David,' corroborate biblical historicity. Ancient Near Eastern customs regarding unresolved sin, family breakdown provide crucial background. The geopolitical situation involved regional powers—Philistines, Ammonites, Arameans, Moabites, Edomites—as David consolidated and

expanded Israel's territory. Cultural practices concerning kingship, warfare, covenant relationships, family dynamics, and religious observance differed significantly from modern Western contexts, requiring careful attention to avoid anachronistic interpretation while extracting timeless theological principles applicable across cultures and eras.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does this passage deepen your understanding of unresolved sin, family breakdown?
2. What does this verse reveal about God's character, and how should that shape your worship and obedience?
3. In what specific ways can you apply this truth to your current circumstances and relationships this week?

Interlinear Text

פָּקְדָּה: הַבָּרִיה וְתַבְּאֵל תְּמִם רַבְּתָם אֶל לְאַמְּנָן זִין וַיֹּאמֶר
said And Ammon H413 And Tamar H8559 Bring the meat H1279 into the chamber H2315

אֲשֶׁר פְּלִבְבּוֹת אֶת תְּמִם רַבְּתָם וְתַבְּאֵל מִן הַיְאָבֶר הַ
that I may eat of thine hand took And Tamar H853 the cakes H834

פָּקְדָּה: אֶחָד יְמִין וְתַבְּאֵל לְאַמְּנָן זִין עַשׂ תָּה
which she had made Bring And Ammon H550 her brother H251 into the chamber H2315

