

# 2 Samuel 13:15

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

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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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

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כִּי מְאֹד גָּדוֹל הַשְׁנָאָה אֲמֵן וְשָׁנָא הָ  
hated Then Amnon so that the hatred her was greater her exceedingly H3588  
H8130 H550 H8135 H1419 H3966

אֲשֶׁר מְאֹבֶב הַשְׁנָא הָאֲשֶׁר הַשְׁנָא הָ  
her was greater so that the hatred H834 hated than the love H834  
H1419 H8135 H8130 H160

לְכָךְ לְוָמֵד אֶחָב הָ אֲמֵן וְיִאָמֶר לְהָ  
wherewith he had loved said H0 Then Amnon unto her Arise H1980  
H157 H559 H550 H6965

