

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

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

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

שִׂנְאָה הַ	אָמֵן וְ	הַשִּׂנְאָה	גְּדוֹלָה הַ	מְאֹד	כִּי
hated	Then Amnon	so that the hatred	her was greater	her exceedingly	
H8130	H550	H8135	H1419	H3966	H3588
גְּדוֹלָה הַ	הַשִּׂנְאָה	אֲשֶׁר	שִׂנְאָה הַ	מֵאֲהָבָה הַ	אֲשֶׁר
her was greater	so that the hatred		hated	than the love	
H1419	H8135	H834	H8130	H160	H834
אֲהָבָה הַ	וַיֹּאמֶר	לָהּ	אָמֵן וְ	קֵץ וְ	לָכֵן:
wherewith he had loved	said		Then Amnon	unto her Arise	
H157	H559	H0	H550	H6965	H1980

