

2 Samuel 13:24

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

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

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

וַיָּבֹא	אֶבְשָׁלוֹם	אֶל	הַמֶּלֶךְ	וַיֹּאמֶר	הִנֵּה	נָ אֵל	גִּזְזֵי יֵם
came	And Absalom	H413	the king	and said	H2009	H4994	hath sheepshearers
H935	H53		H4428	H559			H1494
עֲבָדְךָ:		וְלֵךְ	נָ אֵל	הַמֶּלֶךְ	עֲבָדְךָ:		עַם
Behold now thy servant	go	H4994	the king	Behold now thy servant			H5973
H5650	H3212		H4428	H5650			
עֲבָדְךָ:							
Behold now thy servant							
H5650							