

2 Samuel 13:25

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

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

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

נִלְךָ	נָ א	אֵל	בְּנִי	אֵל	אֲבִשָׁל וּם	אֶל	הִמֶּלֶךְ	וַיֹּאמֶר
H1980	H4994	H408	H1121	H408	H53	H413	H4428	H559
			Nay my son		to Absalom		And the king	said
בּוֹ	וַיִּפְרֹץ	עַל יָד	נִכְבַּד	וְלֹא	כָּל נֹ			
H0	H6555	H5921	H3513	H3808	H3605			
	unto thee And he pressed		lest we be chargeable					
וַיְבַרְכֵהוּ:	לֵל כֶּת	אֶבְ ה	וְלֹא					
H1288	H1980	H14	H3808					
but blessed			him howbeit he would					