

# 2 Samuel 13:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And it came to pass, while they were in the way, that tidings came to David, saying, Absalom hath slain all the king's sons, and there is not one of them left.**

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

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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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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## 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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וַיְהִי	הָמָּה	בַּדֶּרֶךְ	וְהַשְׁמָעָה	בָּאָה	
H1961	H1992				
And it came to pass while they were in the way					that tidings came
					H8052 H935
אֶל	דָּוִד	לֵאמֹר	הָכָה	אֶבְשָׁלוֹם	אֶת כָּל בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל
H413	H1732	H559	H5221	H53	H853 H3605 H1121
to David		saying	hath slain	Absalom	sons
הַמֶּלֶךְ	וְלֹא	נֹתַר	מִיָּהּ	אֶחָד:	
H4428	H3808	H3498	H1992		
all the king's		of them left	and there is not one		