

# 2 Samuel 13:6

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

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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 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## **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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וַיִּשָּׁכַב בִּ	אֲמֹן בֶּן	וַיַּחֲלֵה לֵ	תָבוֹא	הַמֶּלֶךְ לִ	לִרְאוֹת וְ
lay down	So Amnon	and made himself sick	come	and when the king	to see
H7901	H550	H2470	H935	H4428	H7200
וַיֹּאמֶר	אֲמֹן בֶּן	אֵל	הַמֶּלֶךְ לִ	תָבוֹא	נָא אֶתְּ
said	So Amnon	H413	and when the king	come	H4994
H559	H550		H4428	H935	I pray thee let Tamar
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אֲחֹתִי	וַתַּלֵּב בִּ	לְעֵינַי	שֵׁתִי	לֶבֶב וְ	וְאֶכְּלֶה
my sister	and make	in my sight	me a couple	of cakes	that I may eat
H269	H3823	H5869	H8147	H3834	H1262
מִדָּה:					
at her hand					
H3027					

## Additional Cross-References

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**Genesis 18:6** (Parallel theme): And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth.