

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

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

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and 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

לראות וְ	בְּמִלְחָמָה	לְרָאַת	לְרָאַת	לְרָאַת	לְרָאַת
lay down	So Ammon	and made himself sick	come	and when the king	to see
H7901	H550	H2470	H935	H4428	H7200
יָמַר וְ	בְּמִלְחָמָה	לְרָאַת	לְרָאַת	לְרָאַת	לְרָאַת
said	So Ammon	and when the king	come	I pray thee let Tamar	
H559	H550	H413	H4428	H4994	H8559
אֶתְתָּה וְ	בְּמִלְחָמָה	לְרָאַת	לְרָאַת	לְרָאַת	לְרָאַת
my sister	and make	in my sight	me a couple	of cakes	that I may eat
H269	H3823	H5869	H8147	H3834	H1262

מִדְחָה:

at her hand

H3027

Additional Cross-References

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.

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