

# 2 Samuel 13:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, Go now to thy brother Amnon's house, and dress him meat.**

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 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## 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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וְשָׁלַח	וְדָוִד	אֶל	תָּמָר	בֵּית	לֵאמֹר	לְכִי	אֵל	בֵּית
sent	Then David	H413	to Tamar	home	saying	H1980	H4994	home
H7971	H1732		H8559	H1004	H559			H1004
אַמְנוֹן	אַחֲיוֹ	וַעֲשֵׂה	לֹ	הַבָּרָה:				
Amnon's	now to thy brother	and dress	H0	him meat				
H550	H251	H6213		H1279				

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