

2 Samuel 13:9

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

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 – Confession and belief for 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

וַיַּקְרֵב	אֹתָהּ	בְּפִנְסָרֶת	וְתַחַזֵּק	לִפְנֵי	וְיִמְאָה
And she took	H853	a pan	and poured them out	before	him but he refused
H3947		H4958	H3332	H6440	H3985
to eat	said	And Ammon	Have out	all men	Have out
H398	H559	H550	H3318	H3605	H318
כָּל	אֲשֶׁר	תִּזְאֵל	אָמַן וְלֹ	לֹא כָּל	מַעַל
all men	H5921	H3605	H3318	H376	H5921
מַעַלְיוֹ:	אֲשֶׁר				

Additional Cross-References

Genesis 45:1 (Parallel theme): Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren.

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