

# 2 Samuel 15:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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This verse contributes to the narrative of Absalom's Rebellion, emphasizing betrayal, trusting God in exile. Absalom's conspiracy demonstrates calculating betrayal and political manipulation. David's flight from Jerusalem parallels later exile experiences, developing themes of trusting God during devastating reversals. The Hebrew emphasizes Absalom's patient, methodical undermining of David's authority. Cross-references to Psalms written during this period (Psalms 3, 63) reveal David's spiritual responses to political catastrophe.

## Historical Context

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The historical setting of 2 Samuel 15 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 betrayal, trusting God in exile 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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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

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

## **Study Questions**

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1. How does this passage deepen your understanding of betrayal, trusting God in exile?
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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אֶת־וְאֲשֶׁר	עַבְדֵי־יְיָ	לְכָל	דָּוִד וַיֹּאמֶר	
H834	H5650	H3605	H1732	H559
unto all his servants		And David	said	
לָנוּ תִּהְיֶה לֹא כִּי וְנִבְרַךְ הָאֵל קִימוּ	בִּירוּשָׁלַם			
H3588	H3808	H1961	H0	
and let us flee	Arise	that were with him at Jerusalem		
פָּן לָלֶכֶת יִמָּה רַ אֲבִשָׁל מִמֶּנִּי פְּלִיטָה				
H1980	H6435			
make speed	Absalom	from	for we shall not else escape	
הָרָעָה אֶת־עַל־יָנוּ וְהָדִים וְהִשָּׁגְנוּ יִמָּה רַ				
H5921	H853			
evil	make speed	lest he overtake	and bring	
חֶרֶב: לְפִי הָעִיר הָעָלָנוּ וְהָכָה				
H2719	H6310	H5892	H5221	
of the sword	with the edge	the city	upon us and smite	

## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Samuel 19:9** (Parallel theme): And all the people were at strife throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, The king saved us out of the hand of our enemies, and he delivered us out of the hand of the Philistines; and now he is fled out of the land for Absalom.