

2 Samuel 15:35

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

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

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

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

וְהָלָא עִמָּךְ שָׁם לְצֶדֶק וְלֵאבִיָּתָר
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And hast thou not there with thee Zadok and Abiathar

הַכֹּהֲנִים: וְהִנֵּה כָּל הַדָּבָר אֲשֶׁר
H3548 H1961 H3605 H1697 H834
the priests therefore it shall be that what thing

תִּשְׁמַע מִבֵּית הַמֶּלֶךְ תִּגְדֹּל
H8085 H1004 H4428 H5046
soever thou shalt hear house out of the king's thou shalt tell

לְצֶדֶק וְלֵאבִיָּתָר הַכֹּהֲנִים:
H6659 H54 H3548
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