

# 2 Samuel 16:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he cast stones at David, and at all the servants of king David: and all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left.

## Analysis

**And he cast stones at David, and at all the servants of king David: and all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left.**

This verse contributes to the narrative of David's Humiliation, emphasizing suffering within God's sovereignty. David's humiliation through Shimei's cursing and Ziba's deception tests his faith in God's sovereignty. His refusal to punish Shimei demonstrates trust that God controls even unjust accusations. Ahithophel's counsel and Absalom's public sin with David's concubines fulfill Nathan's prophecy (12:11-12). Theological themes include suffering within God's sovereign plan, responding to unjust accusations with faith, and the full exposure of hidden sin.

## Historical Context

The historical setting of 2 Samuel 16 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 suffering within God's sovereignty 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

## **Genesis 1:1 – Creation of heavens and earth**

## Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

1. How does this passage deepen your understanding of suffering within God's sovereignty?
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

לִסְקַע	בְּאָבָנִים	אֶת	זֶה	אֶת	כָּל	עָבֵד
<b>And he cast</b>	<b>stones</b>	H853	<b>David</b>	H853	H3605	<b>and at all the servants</b>

הַגָּבֵר יְמִינָה וְעַמְקָמָה לְגַדְעָה  
of king David H3605 and all the people H3605 and all the mighty men  
H4428 H1732 H5971 H1368

מִימִין וּמִשְׁמָאלׁוּ  
were on his right hand and on his left  
H3225 H8040

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