

2 Samuel 18:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the narrative of Absalom's Death, emphasizing tragedy of rebellion. Absalom's death despite David's orders demonstrates the tragic consequences of rebellion against God's anointed. The graphic description of Absalom caught in oak branches suggests divine judgment. David's overwhelming grief ("O my son Absalom") reveals parental love even for rebellious children. Theological themes include the tragedy of rebellion, the reality that sin leads to death, parental love's persistence, and the danger of prioritizing family over kingdom responsibilities.

Historical Context

The historical setting of 2 Samuel 18 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 tragedy of rebellion 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

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does this passage deepen your understanding of tragedy of rebellion?
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

וְאַבְנֵי	אֶל	וְאָמַר	צָדָק	בֶּן	אֶחָיִם	עַז	וְעַד	וְסֶפֶר
yet again	H5750	Ahimaaz	my son	of Zadok	Then said		H413	And Joab

אַתָּךְ	אַ	נִ	גַּם	נִ	גַּם	כִּי	לְפָמָה	וְ	יְהִי
H1961	But howsoever		Wherefore wilt thou run	H4994	H1571	H589			
	H4100		H7323						H310

אֶת הַזֶּה	לְמַה	וְאֶבְיוֹן	אָמָר	בַּפְּנֵי	Then said	Cushi
H859	H2088					
H4100		H3097		H559		H3569

בְּשׁוֹךְ הַ אֵין וְלֹכֶד הַ בְּנֵי כָּא
Wherefore wilt thou run my son seeing that thou hast no tidings
H7323 H1121 H0 H369 H1309

מצאת:

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