

2 Samuel 18:28

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

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

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

שָׁלֵם וּמְלֹאָה בְּפַנֵּי אֲלֵי אָמֵר אֲחִים עַז יָקֵב אֶל
All is well before the king and said And Ahimaaz called
H7965 H4428 H413 H559 H290 H7121

בָּרוּךְ יְהִי אָמֵר אֶל רָצָה לְאַפְתָּה וְיִשְׁתַּחַת חֹזֶה בְּפַנֵּי אֲלֵי אָמֵר יְהִי בָּרוּךְ
Blessed and said to the earth upon his face before the king And he fell down
H1288 H559 H776 H639 H4428 H7812

בְּאֶלְעָשָׂר יְמִינָה אֶת סְגָר which hath delivered up
be the LORD thy God H376 H853 H5462 H834 H430 H3068

בְּפַנֵּי בְּאַדְנָה אֶת יְדֵיכֶם נִשְׁאָה וְאֶשְׁר
before the king against my lord their hand did unto them that lifted up
H4428 H113 H3027 H853 H5375 H834

Additional Cross-References

Genesis 14:20 (Blessing): And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.

2 Samuel 14:4 (Kingdom): And when the woman of Tekoah spake to the king, she fell on her face to the ground, and did obeisance, and said, Help, O king.