

# 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

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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**

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

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## **Study Questions**

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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

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שָׁל וֹם	הַמֶּלֶךְ:	אֶל	וַיֹּאמֶר	אַחִימַע עַץ	וַיִּקְרָא
All is well	before the king	H413	and said	And Ahimaaz	called
H7965	H4428		H559	H290	H7121
בָּרוּךְ	וַיֹּאמֶר	אֶרְצָה	לְאַפּוֹ	הַמֶּלֶךְ:	וַיִּשָּׁתְּחוּ
Blessed	and said	to the earth	upon his face	before the king	And he fell down
H1288	H559	H776	H639	H4428	H7812
הָאֱנָשִׁים יָמִים אֶת	סִגְרָה	אֲשֶׁר	אֱלֹהֵי יְהוָה		
H376	H853	H834	thy God	be the LORD	
	H5462		H430	H3068	
הַמֶּלֶךְ:	בְּאִדְנִי	יָדָם	אֶת	נָשָׂא וְ	אֲשֶׁר
before the king	against my lord	their hand	H853	that lifted up	H834
H4428	H113	H3027		H5375	

## Additional Cross-References

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**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.