

2 Samuel 19:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the victory that day was turned into mourning unto all the people: for the people heard say that day how the king was grieved for his son.

Analysis

And the victory that day was turned into mourning unto all the people: for the people heard say that day how the king was grieved for his son.

This verse contributes to the narrative of David's Return, emphasizing restoration, leadership wisdom. David's return to Jerusalem requires political wisdom as he navigates competing factions. His restoration of enemies (Shimei) and reward of supporters demonstrates leadership discernment. Theological themes include wise leadership during restoration, the complexity of post-crisis reconciliation, balancing justice and mercy, and the necessity of moving forward despite ongoing tensions.

Historical Context

The historical setting of 2 Samuel 19 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 restoration, leadership wisdom 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

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does this passage deepen your understanding of restoration, leadership wisdom?
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

לְכָל לֹא בְּלִי וְתַהֲרֵת הַתְּשִׁעַת הַיּוֹם הַהִיא בְּיַמִּים
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H8668 H3117 H60

לְאַמְרֵר בְּהָוָא בְּיַמִּים שָׁמְעָה
for the people heard for the people that day say
H5971 H3588 H8085 H5971 H3117 H559

בְּנָזֶב עַל בְּמַלְכֵי בְּנֵי
was grieved how the king for his son
H6087 H4428 H5921 H1121