

2 Samuel 19:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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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

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

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

וַיֹּאמֶר	וְדָוִד	מֶה	לִי	וְלָכֶם	בְּנֵי י	
said	And David	H4100	H0	H0	What have I to do with you ye sons	
H559	H1732				H1121	
הַצֵּרוּיָה	כִּי	תִהְיֶה	לִי	הֵי אִם	לְשָׂטָן	הֵי אִם
of Zeruiah	H3588	H1961	H0	that I am this day	be adversaries	that I am this day
H6870				H3117	H7854	H3117
י וַיָּמָת	אִישׁ	יִשְׂרָאֵל:	כִּי	וְאֵל	וְאֵל	
be put to death	unto me shall there any man	in Israel	H3588	H3808		
H4191	H376	H3478				
יָד עָלַי	כִּי	הֵי אִם	אֲנִי	מֶלֶךְ	עַל	יִשְׂרָאֵל:
for do not I know	H3588	that I am this day	H589	king	H5921	in Israel
H3045		H3117		H4428		H3478

Additional Cross-References

1 Samuel 11:13 (References Israel): And Saul said, There shall not a man be put to death this day: for to day the LORD hath wrought salvation in Israel.

2 Samuel 16:10 (Kingdom): And the king said, What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah? so let him curse, because the LORD hath said unto him, Curse David. Who shall then say, Wherefore hast thou done so?

2 Samuel 3:39 (Kingdom): And I am this day weak, though anointed king; and these men the sons of Zeruiah be too hard for me: the LORD shall reward the doer of evil according to his wickedness.