

2 Samuel 19:42

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

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

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

יְשִׁרְאָלִים	וְיַעֲשָׂו	כָּל	יְהוּדָה	וְעַל	אֲשֶׁר	אֲשֶׁר	יְשִׁרְאָלִים	וְיַעֲשָׂו
answered	H3605	And all the men	of Judah	H5921	And all the men	of Israel	H3588	
H6030		H376	H3063		H376	H3478		
בַּמְתָּרָה	לְפָנֵי	אֶל	זֶה	לְבָנָה	לְפָנֵי	בַּמְתָּרָה	לְבָנָה	בַּמְתָּרָה
is near of kin		Because the king	H413	H4100	H2088			
H7138		H4428						
לְבָנָה	לְבָנָה	לְבָנָה	לְבָנָה	לְבָנָה	לְבָנָה	לְבָנָה	לְבָנָה	לְבָנָה
to us wherefore then be ye angry	H0	H5921	for this matter	H2088				
H2734								
לְבָנָה	לְבָנָה	לְבָנָה	לְבָנָה	לְבָנָה	לְבָנָה	לְבָנָה	לְבָנָה	לְבָנָה
אֵלֶּנֶּךָ	מִן	בַּמְתָּרָה	אֵם	נִשְׁאָת	נִשְׁאָת	נִשְׁאָת	אֵלֶּנֶּךָ	אֵלֶּנֶּךָ
at all	H4480	Because the king	H518	H5379	us any gift	cost or hath he given	H0	
H398		H4428		H5375				

Additional Cross-References

2 Samuel 19:12 (Kingdom): Ye are my brethren, ye are my bones and my flesh: wherefore then are ye the last to bring back the king?

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