

2 Samuel 2:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Joab also and Abishai pursued after Abner: and the sun went down when they were come to the hill of Ammah, that lieth before Giah by the way of the wilderness of Gibeon.

Analysis

Joab also and Abishai pursued after Abner: and the sun went down when they were come to the hill of Ammah, that lieth before Giah by the way of the wilderness of Gibeon.

This verse contributes to the narrative of David Becomes King of Judah, emphasizing divine timing, patience in promises. The Hebrew *vayyimloch* (וַיֵּימָלֶךְ, 'and he reigned') marks David's official royal status over Judah at Hebron. The seven-year period before ruling all Israel demonstrates patient trust in God's timing. Theological themes include divine election, the gradual unfolding of God's promises through historical process, and the reality that human resistance to God's plans produces genuine suffering.

Historical Context

The historical setting of 2 Samuel 2 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 divine timing, patience in promises 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

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does this passage deepen your understanding of divine timing, patience in promises?
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

וַיִּדְפּוּ	בִּיּוֹא	וְאַבִּיֹשׁ	אַחֲרָי	אַבְנֵר	וְהַשֶּׁשׁ	בָּאוּ
pursued	Joab	also and Abishai	after	Abner	and the sun	went down
H7291	H3097	H52	H310	H74	H8121	H935
וְהָמָּה	בָּאוּ	עַד	גִּבְעַת	אֲמָה	אֲשֶׁר	פָּנִי
H1992	went down	H5704	to the hill	of Ammah	H834	H5921
	H935		H1389	H522		that lieth before
						H6440
גִּיָּה	דֶּכָּה	מִדְבַּר	גִּבְעוֹן:			
Giah	by the way	of the wilderness	of Gibeon			
H1520	H1870	H4057	H1391			