

2 Samuel 2:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

So Joab blew a trumpet, and all the people stood still, and pursued after Israel no more, neither fought they any more.

This verse contributes to the narrative of David Becomes King of Judah, emphasizing divine timing, patience in promises. The Hebrew *vayyimloch* (וַיֵּמְלֹךְ, '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

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

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

וַיִּזְקַק ע	יֹאב	בְּשׁוֹפָר ר	וַעֲמָדוֹ	כָּל	הָעָם	וְלֹא
blew	So Joab	a trumpet	stood still	H3605	and all the people	H3808
H8628	H3097	H7782	H5975		H5971	
וַיִּרְדֹּפּוּ	ע וְ	אַחֲרָי	יִשְׂרָאֵל ל	וְלֹא	יִסְפוּ	ע וְ
and pursued	H5750	after	Israel	H3808	they any more	H5750
H7291		H310	H3478		H3254	
לְהִלָּחֵם:						
no more neither fought						
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