

# 2 Samuel 2:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And Joab returned from following Abner: and when he had gathered all the people together, there lacked of David's servants nineteen men and Asahel.**

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

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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

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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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

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כָּל	אֶת	וַיִּקְבֹּץ	אֲבִנֵי ר	מֵאַחֲרַי	שָׁב	וַיֹּאזְבֹּחַ
		and when he had gathered	Abner	from following	returned	And Joab
H3605	H853	H6908	H74	H310	H7725	H3097
אִישׁ	עָשָׂה	רִשְׁעָה	דָּוִד	מַעֲבָדָיו	וְפָקְדָיו	הָעָם
men		nineteen	of David's	servants	there lacked	all the people
H376	H6240	H8672	H1732	H5650	H6485	H5971

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and Asahel  
H6214

