

# 2 Samuel 20:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Amasa wallowed in blood in the midst of the highway. And when the man saw that all the people stood still, he removed Amasa out of the highway into the field, and cast a cloth upon him, when he saw that every one that came by him stood still.

## Analysis

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This verse contributes to the narrative of Sheba's Rebellion, emphasizing ongoing challenges to authority. Sheba's rebellion demonstrates that David's troubles continue despite Absalom's defeat. The wise woman's intervention prevents unnecessary bloodshed. Theological themes include ongoing resistance to God's appointed leader, the value of wisdom in crisis resolution, the danger of divisive rhetoric, and God's provision of unexpected solutions through unlikely people.

## Historical Context

The historical setting of 2 Samuel 20 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 ongoing challenges to authority 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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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

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

## Study Questions

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1. How does this passage deepen your understanding of ongoing challenges to authority?
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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כִּא הַמְסֻלֵּה בְּמַתָּלֵל לְעַמְשׁ אָ

Amasa **wallowed** in **blood** in **the midst** of **the highway** **saw**

H6021

H1556

H1818

H8432

כִּא הַמְסֻלֵּה בְּמַתָּלֵל לְעַמְשׁ אָ

of the highway

H4546

H7200

בְּאָיָשׁ

כִּי

וְעַמְדָה

כָּל

בְּמַתָּלֵל

לְעַמְשׁ

And when the man by him stood still that all the people he removed

H376

H3588

by him stood still

H3605

that all the people

he removed

H5971

H5437

אָתָה אָמָשׁ

מִן

בְּמַתָּלֵל

בְּשָׂדֶה

בְּשָׂדֶה

בְּשָׂדֶה

עַלְיוֹן

בְּגִד

H853

Amasa

H4480

of the highway

H4546

into the field

H7704

and cast

H7993

H5921

a cloth

H899

כָּל בְּאָהָרָן

בְּאָהָרָן

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בְּאָהָרָן

בְּאָהָרָן

H834

saw

H3605

that every one that came

H935

H5921

by him stood still

H5975

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 9:16** (Parallel theme): The LORD is known by the judgment which he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Higgaion. Selah.

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