

# 2 Samuel 24:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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This verse contributes to the narrative of Census and Plague, emphasizing pride, judgment, provision. David's census represents prideful self-reliance rather than dependence on God. The plague's devastation demonstrates sin's consequences extending beyond the sinner. David's purchase of Araunah's threshing floor and sacrifice there establishes the future temple location. Theological themes include the danger of pride, corporate consequences of leaders' sins, the necessity of proper sacrifice, God's mercy in limiting judgment, and divine purpose even in disciplinary actions.

## Historical Context

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The historical setting of 2 Samuel 24 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 pride, judgment, provision 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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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

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

## Study Questions

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1. How does this passage deepen your understanding of pride, judgment, provision?
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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וַיֹּאמֶר	אֶבְרָחָם וְנָחָה	אֶל	דָּוִד	יִקַּח	וַיַּעַל	אֲדֹנָיִי
said	And Araunah	H413	unto David	take	and offer up	Let my lord
H559	H728		H1732	H3947	H5927	H113
הַמֶּלֶךְ	הֵט וּב	בְּעֵינָיו	רְאֵה	הִבֵּק ר	לְעֹלָה	
the king	what seemeth good	unto him	behold	here be oxen	for burnt sacrifice	
H4428	H2896	H5869	H7200	H1241	H5930	
וְהַמֶּרְגֵּי יִם	וְכָלֵי י	הִבֵּק ר	לְעֹצִים:			
and threshing instruments	and other instruments	here be oxen	for wood			
H4173	H3627	H1241	H6086			

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Kings 19:21** (Parallel theme): And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.

**1 Samuel 6:14** (Sacrifice): And the cart came into the field of Joshua, a Bethshemite, and stood there, where there was a great stone: and they clave the wood of the cart, and offered the kine a burnt offering unto the LORD.

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