

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

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

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

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

אָדָם	וְיִשְׁלַח	עַל	יְלַקֵּחַ	בְּעֵל	אָדָם
said	And Araunah	H413	unto David	take	and offer up
H559	H728		H1732	H3947	H5927
לְעֵל הַ	רְבָקֵךְ	רְבָקֵךְ	רְבָקֵךְ	רְבָקֵךְ	לְעֵל הַ
the king	what seemeth good	unto him	behold	here be oxen	for burnt sacrifice
H4428	H2896	H5869	H7200	H1241	H5930
וּבְמִקְרָג יְמִ	וְכָל	וְכָל	וְכָל	וְכָל	לְעֵצִים
and threshing instruments	and other instruments	here be oxen	here be oxen	here be oxen	for wood
H4173	H3627	H1241	H1241	H1241	H6086

Additional Cross-References

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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