

2 Samuel 24:23

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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And Araunah said unto the king, The LORD thy God accept thee.

Analysis

All these things did Araunah, as a king, give unto the king. And Araunah said unto the king, The LORD thy God accept thee.

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

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

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

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| לְ | נָתַן | אֶבֶן | לְ | כֹּה | אָמַר |
| H3605 | give | All these things did Araunah | H728 | as a king | as a king |
| H5414 | | | | H4428 | H4428 |
| | | | | H3068 | H559 |
| | | | | H430 | |
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| אֶבֶן | אֶל | לְ | הָיָה | יְהוָה | אֶלָּךְ | יְמִינְךָ |
| All these things did Araunah | H413 | as a king | The LORD | thy God | accept | |
| H728 | | H4428 | | H430 | | |

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