

2 Samuel 24:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then they came to Gilead, and to the land of Tahtim-hodshi;
and they came to Dan-jaan, and about to Zidon,

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

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

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

וַיָּבֹאוּ	הַגִּלְעָדָה	וְאֶל	אֶרֶץ	תַּחַת יָם	חֲדָשׁ י
Then they came	to Gilead	H413	and to the land	H0	of Tahtimhodshi
H935	H1568		H776		H8483
וַיָּבֹאוּ	דַּן נָה	יֵעַן	וְסָבִיב יֵב	אֶל	צִידוֹן:
Then they came	H0	to Danjaan	and about	H413	to Zidon
H935		H1842	H5439		H6721

Additional Cross-References

Joshua 19:28 (Parallel theme): And Hebron, and Rehob, and Hammon, and Kanah, even unto great Zidon;