

# 2 Samuel 24:9

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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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## 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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אָל	הָעָם	מִפְקֹד	מִסְפַּר	אֶת	יֹאבָב	וַתֵּן
	of the people	of the number	the sum		And Joab	gave up
H413	H5971	H4662	H4557	H853	H3097	H5414
אָלֶּף	מֵאָה	וְתַּיִת	וּשְׁבָעִים	וְהָיָה	יְהוֹשֻׁעַ	לְמֶלֶךְ
thousand	hundred	and there were in Israel	eight		unto the king	
H505	H3967	H3478	H8083	H1961		H4428
חֲמִישֶׁה	יְהוּדָה	אִישׁ:	וְהָיָה	שֶׁלֹּף	חַיִּיל	אִישׁ:
were five	of Judah	and the men	and the men	the sword	valiant	and the men
H2568	H3063	H376	H376	H2719	H2428	H376
אִישׁ:	אָלֶּף	מֵאָה	וְהָיָה	אִישׁ:	אִישׁ:	וְהָיָה
and the men	thousand	hundred				
H376	H505	H3967				