

2 Samuel 3:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the narrative of Abner Defects and Dies, emphasizing political maneuvering, revenge consequences. This chapter illustrates the complexity of political transition and personal revenge. Abner's defection using covenant language (*brit*, בְּרִית) contrasts with Joab's treacherous murder, demonstrating how personal vengeance undermines national purposes. The text develops themes of legitimate vs illegitimate authority, the corrupting power of revenge, and maintaining integrity when others act unethically.

Historical Context

The historical setting of 2 Samuel 3 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 political maneuvering, revenge consequences 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

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does this passage deepen your understanding of political maneuvering, revenge consequences?
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

את וַיַּקְרֵב יְמֵשָׁאָל מִבֵּית הַמֶּלֶךְ הַלְּפָעָב יְרֵא
To translate the kingdom from the house of Saul and to set up H853
H5674 H4467 H1004 H7586 H6965

יעד מִצְ | יְהוּדָה הַיְלָדָה וְעַל יִשְׂרָאֵל עַל דָּוִיד כִּסְ א
the throne of David over Israel and over Judah from Dan H5704
H3678 H1732 H5921 H3478 H5921 H3063 H1835

רְבָא בְּאֵן שְׁבָעָה
H0 even to Beersheba H884

Additional Cross-References

1 Samuel 3:20 (References Israel): And all Israel from Dan even to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the LORD.

Judges 20:1 (References Israel): Then all the children of Israel went out, and the congregation was gathered together as one man, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, with the land of Gilead, unto the LORD in Mizpeh.

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