

# 2 Samuel 3:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**To translate the kingdom from the house of Saul, and to set up the throne of David over Israel and over Judah, from Dan even to Beer-sheba.**

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

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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

לְהַעֲבֹד יְהוָה	מִבֵּית יְהוֹשָׁפָט וּלְהַקֵּץ יָמָיו	וְעַל יִשְׂרָאֵל וְעַל יְהוּדָה	מִדָּן	עַד בְּאֵר שֶׁבַע	
To translate	the kingdom	from the house	of Saul	and to set up	H853
H5674	H4467	H1004	H7586	H6965	
כִּסֵּי דָוִד	עַל יִשְׂרָאֵל	וְעַל יְהוּדָה	מִדָּן	עַד בְּאֵר שֶׁבַע	
the throne	of David	over Israel	H5921	and over Judah	H5704
H3678	H1732	H3478		H3063	H1835
בְּאֵר שֶׁבַע	עַד בְּאֵר שֶׁבַע				
H0	even to Beersheba				
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## Additional Cross-References

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**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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