

# 2 Samuel 3:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when Joab was come out from David, he sent messengers after Abner, which brought him again from the well of Sirah: but David knew it not.

## Analysis

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**And when Joab was come out from David, he sent messengers after Abner, which brought him again from the well of Sirah: but David knew it not.**

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

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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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

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וַיֵּצֵא א	וַיֹּאב	מֵעַם	וְדָוִד	וַשְׁלַח	מַלְאָכִים	אַחֲרַי
was come out	And when Joab		but David	he sent	messengers	after
H3318	H3097	H5973	H1732	H7971	H4397	H310
אַבְנֵי ר	וַיֵּשׁ בּוֹ	אֶת הַ	מִבְּאֵר	הַסֵּךְ	וְדָוִד	
Abner	which brought him again		from the well	of Sirah	but David	
H74	H7725	H853	H953	H5626	H1732	
יָדָעַ ל א						
H3808	knew					
	H3045					