

2 Samuel 4:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the narrative of Ish-bosheth Murdered, emphasizing righteous vs unrighteous means. The assassination of Ish-bosheth and David's execution of the murderers demonstrates crucial distinctions between godly and ungodly means. While the result (removing Saul's dynasty) aligned with God's purposes, the method (treacherous murder) violated divine standards. Hebrew concepts of justice (mishpat, מִשְׁפָּט) and righteousness (tsedeq, צֶדֶק) permeate David's response.

Historical Context

The historical setting of 2 Samuel 4 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 righteous vs unrighteous means 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

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does this passage deepen your understanding of righteous vs unrighteous means?
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

וַיָּלֶכְוּ	בְּנֵי	רִמּוֹן	הַבְּאֶרְתִּי	רֶכָב	וּבָעֲנָה
H1980	And the sons	of Rimmon	the Beerothite	Rechab	and Baanah
	H1121	H7417	H886	H7394	H1196
וַיָּבֹאוּ	כֹּחַ	הַיּוֹם	אֵל	בֵּית	אִישׁ
and came	about the heat	of the day	H413	to the house	H0
H935	H2527	H3117		H1004	of Ishbosheth
					H378
וְהָיָה	שָׁכַב	אֵת	מִשְׁכַּב	הַצֹּהֲרָיִם:	
H1931	who lay	H853	on a bed	at noon	
	H7901		H4904	H6672	

