

Judges 20:31

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the children of Benjamin went out against the people, and were drawn away from the city; and they began to smite of the people, and kill, as at other times, in the highways, of which one goeth up to the house of God, and the other to Gibeah in the field, about thirty men of Israel.

Analysis

Verse 31: And the children of Benjamin went out against the people, and were drawn away from the city; and the... [The battle unfolds according to God's promised deliverance, with Israel's ambush strategy succeeding through divine blessing following proper consultation.]

Historical Context

This verse describes tactical details of the third-day battle where Israel's ambush strategy, blessed by God after proper seeking (vv. 26-28), results in Benjamin's defeat.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How do you see God's hand in the tactical details of life after committing your way to Him?
2. What role does strategy play when combined with divine blessing?
3. How do preparation and prayer work together in achieving godly outcomes?

Interlinear Text

וַיֵּצֵא ו	בְּנֵי	בִּנְיָמִן	לְקַבֵּל אֶת	מִהָעָם	
went out	And the children	of Benjamin	against	of the people	
H3318	H1121	H1144	H7125	H5971	
וְהִנָּתַק ו	מִן	הָעִיר	וַיִּחַ לוֹ	לְהַכּוֹת	מִהָעָם
and were drawn away	H4480	from the city	and they began	to smite	of the people
H5423		H5892	H2490	H5221	H5971
וְהָרַג ו	בְּפַעַם	בְּפַעַם	בַּמִּסְלֹת	אֲשֶׁר	
and kill	as at other times	as at other times	in the highways	H834	
H2491	H6471	H6471	H4546		
וְאֵת	עָלָה	בֵּית	אֶל	וְאֵת	גִּבְעַת
and the other	goeth up	to the house	H1008	and the other	to Gibeah
H259	H5927	H1004		H259	H1390
בַּשָּׂדֶה	כְּשָׁלֹשׁ	אֲנָשִׁים	בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל:		
in the field	about thirty	men	of Israel		
H7704	H7970	H376	H3478		