

Judges 20:34

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And there came against Gibeah ten thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and the battle was sore: but they knew not that evil was near them.

Analysis

Verse 34: And there came against Gibeah ten thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and the battle was sore: bu... [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

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

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

בָּחוֹר	אִישׁ	אֲלֵף	יִם	עִשְׂרֵת	לְגַבּוּעַ	הַמִּגְדָּל	יָבָאָו	וְבָאָו
And there came	against	Gibeah	ten	thousand	men	chosen		
H935	H5048	H1390	H6235	H505	H376	H977		
מִקְלָא	לִשְׁבָא	וּבְמָלְקָמָה	בְּבֵדָה	וְבָדָה	לֹא	וּבָם	יְדַעַּת	
H3605	out of all Israel	and the battle	was sore	H1992	H3808	but they knew		
	H3478	H4421	H3513			H3045		
כִּי	עַלְיָהּ	מִנְגַּעַת	בְּרַעַתָּה:					
H3588	was near	H5921	not that evil					
	H5060		H7451					

Additional Cross-References

Joshua 8:14 (References Israel): And it came to pass, when the king of Ai saw it, that they hasted and rose up early, and the men of the city went out against Israel to battle, he and all his people, at a time appointed, before the plain; but he wist not that there were liers in ambush against him behind the city.

Isaiah 47:11 (Evil): Therefore shall evil come upon thee; thou shalt not know from whence it riseth: and mischief shall fall upon thee; thou shalt not be able to put it off: and desolation shall come upon thee suddenly, which thou shalt not know.

Job 21:13 (Parallel theme): They spend their days in wealth, and in a moment go down to the grave.