

# Judges 20:41

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when the men of Israel turned again, the men of Benjamin were amazed: for they saw that evil was come upon them.

## Analysis

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Verse 41 details the aftermath of Benjamin's defeat. And when the men of Israel turned again, the men of Benjamin were amazed: for they saw that evil was come upon them.... The systematic destruction of Benjamin's territory represents the tragic outcome when civil war erupts among God's people—victory comes at devastating cost to the covenant community.

## Historical Context

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This verse describes the thorough nature of Benjamin's military defeat and the subsequent destruction of their tribal territory following the ambush strategy blessed by God after Israel's proper consultation.

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. How do victories that come after proper seeking of God still carry tragic costs?

2. What does this reveal about the consequences of civil conflict among God's people?
3. How can righteous judgments escalate beyond their proper scope?

## Interlinear Text

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אָ יִשׁ	יִשְׂרָאֵל	הָפֹךְ	וַיִּזְעֻקוּ	אָ יִשׁ		
And when the men	of Israel	turned again	were amazed	And when the men		
H376	H3478	H2015	H926	H376		
בְּנֵימִן	כִּי	רָאָה	כִּי	נָגַעַה	עַל יוֹ	הָרָעָה:
of Benjamin	H3588	for they saw	H3588	was come	H5921	that evil
H1144		H7200		H5060		H7451

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