

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

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

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

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

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

אִישׁ	אִישׁ	יִשְׂרָאֵל	תָּמִיד	אִישׁ
And when the men	of Israel	turned again	were amazed	And when the men
H376	H3478	H2015	H926	H376
בְּנֵי	בְּנֵי	בְּנֵי	בְּנֵי	בְּרַעַת
of Benjamin	for they saw	was come	that evil	
H1144	H3588	H3588	H5921	H7451

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