

Judges 20:43

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thus they inclosed the Benjamites round about, and chased them, and trode them down with ease over against Gibeah toward the sunrising.

Analysis

Verse 43 details the aftermath of Benjamin's defeat. Thus they inclosed the Benjamites round about, and chased them, and trode them down with ease over against Gibeah toward... 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

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

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

כָּתְרוּ וְ	אֶת	בְּנֵימָן	הַרְדִּיף הוּ	מְנוּחָה
Thus they inclosed	H853	H1144	and chased	with ease
H3803			H7291	H4496
הַדְרִיכוּ הוּ	עַד	נֹכַח	הַגִּבְעָה	מִמֶּזְרַח
them and trode them down	H5704	over against	Gibeah	toward the sunrising
H1869		H5227	H1390	H4217
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H8121				

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