

Judges 20:45

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they turned and fled toward the wilderness unto the rock of Rimmon: and they gleaned of them in the highways five thousand men; and pursued hard after them unto Gidom, and slew two thousand men of them.

Analysis

Verse 45 details the aftermath of Benjamin's defeat. And they turned and fled toward the wilderness unto the rock of Rimmon: and they gleaned of them in the highways five th... 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

וַיַּעֲשֶׂה	וְיָרַגְגֶּה	בְּמִדְבָּר	בְּהַ	אֶל	לְעֵדָה	וְעַל	רִמְמֹן	וְעַל
And they turned	and fled	toward the wilderness		H413	unto the rock	of Rimmon		
H6437	H5127	H4057		H5553		H7417		
וַיַּעֲשֶׂה	וְיָרַגְגֶּה	בְּמִדְבָּר	בְּהַ	אֶל	לְעֵדָה	וְעַל	רִמְמֹן	וְעַל
and they gleaned	of them in the highways			five	thousand	men		
H5953	H4546	H2568	H505	H376				
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and pursued	hard after	H5704	them unto Gidom	and slew	H4480	thousand	H505	
H1692	H310	H1440	H5221					
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men								
H376								

Additional Cross-References

Joshua 15:32 (Parallel theme): And Lebaoth, and Shilhim, and Ain, and Rimmon: all the cities are twenty and nine, with their villages:

Judges 21:13 (Parallel theme): And the whole congregation sent some to speak to the children of Benjamin that were in the rock Rimmon, and to call peaceably unto them.