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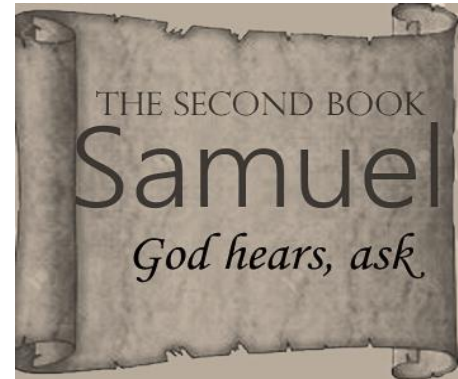
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In the 350 years of the judges before this book; years characterize by the phrase: and the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord. Obviously, the Lord said enough and sent Samuel, who was the last good judge, who moved in the power of the Spirit.

This second book of Samuel focuses on the history of the reign of King David, making Jerusalem both the political and religious center of the nation. At this time, Zadok is the high priest,

David's adultery and crime in the kingdom,



¹ And it happened, in spring, at the time when kings go forth to battle, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David stayed in Jerusalem.

² And it happened at evening, that David arose from his bed, and walked out on the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look on.

³ And David sent and enquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?

⁴ And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in to him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned to her house.

⁵ And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, I am with child.

⁶ And David sent to Joab, saying, Send me Uriah the Hittite. And Joab sent Uriah to David.

⁷ And when Uriah was come to him, David demanded of him how Joab did, and how the people did, and how the war prospered.

⁸ And David said to Uriah, Go down to your house, and wash your feet. And Uriah departed from the king's house, and there followed him a present of food from the king.

⁹ But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and went not down to his house.

¹⁰ And when they had told David, saying, Uriah did not go down to his house,

David said to Uriah, Have you not come from a journey?

Why did you not go down to your house?

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11 And Uriah said to David, The Ark, and Israel, and Judah, are staying in temporary shelters; and my lord Joab, and the servants of my lord, are encamped in the open fields;

will I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do this thing.

12 And David said to Uriah, Wait here today also, and tomorrow I will let you depart. So Uriah stayed in Jerusalem that day, and the next.

13 Now David called him, and he ate and drank before him; and he made him drunk: and at evening he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

14 And it happened in the morning, that David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah.

15 And he wrote in the letter, saying, Place Uriah on the front line of the fiercest battle, and then withdraw from him, that he may be struck down, and die.

16 And it happened, as Joab kept watch in the city, that he assigned Uriah to a place where he knew there were valiant men.

17 And the men of the city went out, and fought with Joab: and some of the people among the servants of David fell there; and Uriah the Hittite also died.

18 Then Joab sent and told David all the events concerning the war;

19 and he charged the messenger, saying, When you have finished telling the matters of the war to the king,

20 and if it happens that the king's wrath rises, and he says to you, Why did you go so near the city to fight? Did you not know that they would shoot from the wall?

21 Who struck down Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth? Did not a woman throw a top millstone on him from the wall, that he died in Thebez? Why did you go so near the wall? Then you will say, Your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.

22 So the messenger departed, and came and reported to David all that Joab sent him to tell.

23 And the messenger said to David, The men prevailed against us, and came out against us in the field, but we pushed them as far as the entrance of the gate.

24 And the shooters shot from off the wall on your servants; and some of the servants of the king are dead, and your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.

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²⁵ Then David said to the messenger, Thus you will say to Joab, Do not let this thing displease you, for the sword devours one as well as another: make your battle stronger against the city, and overthrow it: and so encourage him.

²⁶ Now when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband.

²⁷ And when the time of mourning was over, David sent and brought her into his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son. But what David had done displeased the LORD.

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