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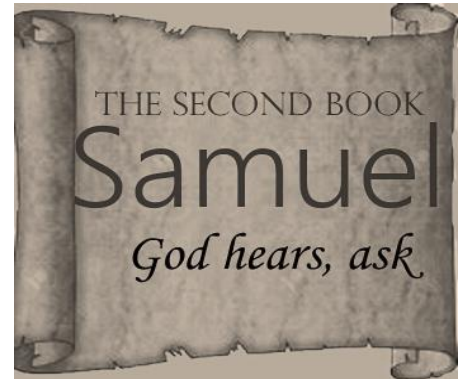
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In the 350 years of the judges before this book; years characterize by the phrase: and the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord. Obviously, the Lord said enough and sent Samuel, who was the last good judge, who moved in the power of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

Absalom revolts, and trounces on David,



**<sup>1</sup> Now it happened after this, that Absalom provided for himself, chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before him.**

**<sup>2</sup> And Absalom would rise up early, and stand beside the entrance of the city gate: and it happened, that when any man had a controversy that came to the king for judgment, then Absalom called to him, and said, Of what city are you? And he said, Your servant is from one of the tribes of Israel.**

**<sup>3</sup> And Absalom said to him, See, your claims are good and right; but no man disputes for you on the part of the king to hear you.**

**<sup>4</sup> Moreover, Absalom said, Oh that one would make me judge in the land, that every man who has any suit or cause might come to me, and I would give him justice!**

**<sup>5</sup> And it was so, that when any man came near him to prostrate himself before him, he would extend his hand, and take hold of him, and kiss him.**

**<sup>6</sup> And in this manner Absalom dealt with all Israel who came to the king for judgment: so Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.**

**<sup>7</sup> Now it happened after forty years, that Absalom said to the king, Please, let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed to the LORD, in Hebron.**

**<sup>8</sup> For your servant made a vow while I lived at Geshur in Syria, saying, If the LORD will indeed bring me again to Jerusalem, then I will serve the LORD.**

**<sup>9</sup> And the king said to him, Go in peace. So he arose, and went to Hebron.**

**<sup>10</sup> But Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then you will declare, Absalom is king in Hebron.**

**<sup>11</sup> Then two hundred men who were called with Absalom innocently went from Jerusalem, and they did not know his plans.**

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**<sup>12</sup> And Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counselor, from his city Giloh, while he was offering the sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong; for the people increased continually with Absalom.**

**<sup>13</sup> Then a messenger came to David, saying, The hearts of the men of Israel are with Absalom.**

**<sup>14</sup> And David said to all his servants who were with him at Jerusalem, Arise, and let us flee; for none of us will escape from Absalom. Depart quickly, lest he overtake us suddenly, and bring evil on us, and strike the city with the edge of the sword.**

**<sup>15</sup> And the servants of the king said to the king, Behold, your servants are ready to do whatever my lord the king decides.**

**<sup>16</sup> And the king went out, and all his household followed him. And the king left ten women, who were his concubines / his girlfriends, to keep the royal house.**

**<sup>17</sup> And the king went out, and all the people with him, and waited at the last house.**

**<sup>18</sup> Now all his servants passed on beside him; all the Cherethites, all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, six hundred men who came with him from Gath, passed on before the king.**

**<sup>19</sup> Then the king said to Ittai the Gittite, Why will you also go with us? return to your place, and remain with the king: for you are a foreigner, and also an exile.**

**<sup>20</sup> You only came yesterday, and should I this day make you wander with us? while I go where I will? Return, and take back your brothers: mercy and truth be with you.**

**<sup>21</sup> And Ittai answered the king, and said, As the LORD lives, and as my lord the king lives, surely wherever my lord the king will be, whether in death or life, there also will your servant be.**

**<sup>22</sup> So David said to Ittai, Go and pass over. And Ittai the Gittite passed over with all his men, and all the little ones who were with him.**

**<sup>23</sup> While all the country wept with a loud voice, and all the people crossed over: the king also himself crossed over the brook Kidron / where 1000 years later, Jesus the Christ, the messiah would pass over to Gethsemane, the night He was betrayed, and all the people crossed over toward the way of the wilderness.**

**<sup>24</sup> And Zadok / the high priest also, and all the Levites who were with him, carrying the Ark of the covenant of God: and they set down the Ark of God; and Abiathar came up, until all the people finished passing from the city.**

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**25 And the king said to Zadok, Return the Ark of God to the city: if I find favor in the eyes of the LORD, He will bring me again, and show me both it, and His habitation.**

**26 But if He thus says, I have no delight in you; behold, here am I, let Him do to me as seems good to Him.**

**27 The king said also to Zadok the priest, Are you not a seer? Return to the city in peace, and your two sons with you, you son Ahimaaz and Jonathan the son of Abiathar.**

**28 See, I am going to wait at the fords of the wilderness, until word comes from you to inform me.**

**29 Therefore Zadok and Abiathar returned the Ark of God again to Jerusalem: and they waited there.**

**30 And David went up the ascent of the Mount of Olives, and wept as he went up, and his head was covered, as he went barefoot. And all the people who were with him each covered his head, and went up, weeping as they went.**

**31 Now someone told David, saying, Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom. And David said, O LORD, I pray, make the counsel of Ahithophel foolishness.**

**32 And it happened, that when David came to the summit of the Mount, where God was worshiped / probably where Jesus ascended into the heavens, behold, Hushai the Archite met him with his coat rent, and dust on his head:**

**33 And David said to him, If you pass over with me, then you will be a burden to me:**

**34 but if you return to the city, and say to Absalom, I will be your servant, O king; as I have been your father's servant as I have been until now, so I will now also be your servant: then you can thwart the counsel of Ahithophel for me.**

**35 And are not Zadok and Abiathar the priests with you there? So it will be, that whatever you will hear from the king's house, you will report it to Zadok and Abiathar the priests.**

**36 Behold, their two sons are with them there, Ahimaaz of Zadok, and Jonathan of Abiathar; and by them you will send me everything that you hear.**

**37 So Hushai, David's friend came into the city, and Absalom came to Jerusalem.**

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