

# 2 SAMUEL 16 vs 1

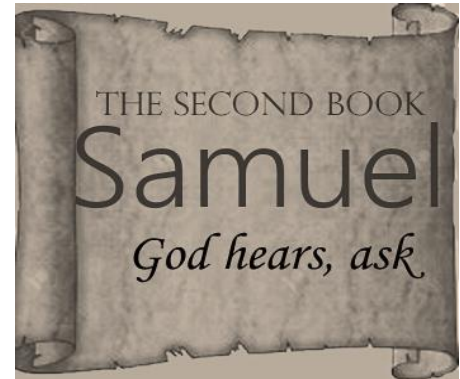
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In the 350 years of the judges before this book; years characterize by the phrase: and the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord. Obviously, the Lord said enough and sent Samuel, who was the last good judge, who moved in the power of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

Ziba falsely accuses Mephibosheth to David,



**<sup>1</sup> When David was a little past the summit, behold, Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth met him, with a couple of saddled asses, and on them were 200 loaves of bread, and 100 bunches of raisins, 100 summer fruits, and a jug of wine.**

**<sup>2</sup> And the king said to Ziba, Why do you have this? And Ziba said, The asses are for the king's household to ride; and the bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat; and the wine for whoever is faint in the wilderness to drink.**

**<sup>3</sup> Then the king asked, Where is the son of your master? And Ziba said to the king, Behold, he remains at Jerusalem: for he said, Today the house of Israel will restore the kingdom of my father to me.**

**<sup>4</sup> Then Ziba said to the king, Behold, all that belongs to Mephibosheth is yours. And Ziba said, I humbly beseech you that I may find grace in your sight, my lord, O king.**

**<sup>5</sup> When king David came to Bahurim, behold, there came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera: he came, cursing as he came.**

**<sup>6</sup> And he threw stones at David, and at all the servants of King David: and all the people and all the mighty men who were at his right and his left.**

**<sup>7</sup> And thus Shimei said when he cursed, Get out, get out, you bloody man, you worthless man of Belial:**

**<sup>8</sup> the LORD has returned upon all of you the bloodshed of the house of Saul, in whose place you reign; and the LORD has delivered the kingdom into the hand of Absalom your son: and, behold, you are taken in your own evil, because you are a bloody man.**

**<sup>9</sup> Then Abishai the son of Zeruiah said to the king,**

**Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king?**

**Please let me go and take off his head.**

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<sup>10</sup> And the king said, What have I to do with you, O sons of Zeruiah? If he curses, and if the LORD has said to him, Curse David. Who then will say, Why have you done so?

<sup>11</sup> And David said to Abishai, and to all his servants, Behold, my son, who came forth from me, seeks my life: how much more now this one of Benjamin? Leave him alone, and let him curse; for the LORD has told him.

<sup>12</sup> Perhaps the LORD will look on my affliction, and the LORD will return good for me instead of his cursing this day.

<sup>13</sup> So David and his men went on their way, and Shimei went along on the hillside opposite them, cursing as he went, and throwing stones, and casting dust at them.

<sup>14</sup> And the king, and all the people who were with him, arrived weary, and refreshed themselves there.

<sup>15</sup> And Absalom, and all the people, the men of Israel, entered Jerusalem, and Ahithophel with him.

<sup>16</sup> Now it happened, when Hushai the Archite, David's friend, came to Absalom, that Hushai said to Absalom, Long live the king, long live the king.

<sup>17</sup> And Absalom said to Hushai, Is this your loyalty to your friend? Why did you not go with your friend?

<sup>18</sup> And Hushai said to Absalom, No; for whom the LORD, these people, and all the men of Israel choose, his I will be, and with him I will remain.

<sup>19</sup> And besides, whom should I serve? Should I not serve in the presence of his son? As I have served in the presence of your father, so I will be in your presence.

<sup>20</sup> Then Absalom said to Ahithophel, Give your advice, what should we do.

<sup>21</sup> And Ahithophel said to Absalom, Go to the concubines of your father, who he left to keep the house; and all Israel will hear that you made yourself odious to your father. The hands of all who are with you will also be strengthened.

<sup>22</sup> So they pitched a tent for Absalom on the top of the house; and Absalom went in to the concubines of his father in view of all Israel.

<sup>23</sup> And the advice of Ahithophel, that he gave in those days, was as if one had inquired of the word of God: so was all the advice of Ahithophel regarded by David and Absalom.