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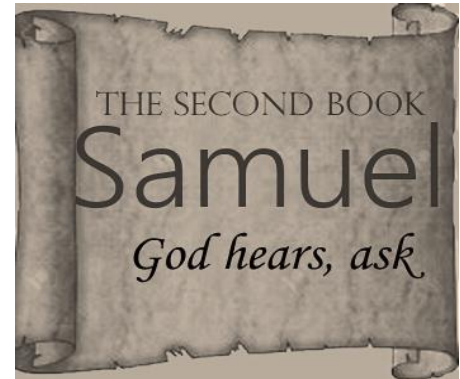
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In the 350 years of the judges before this book; years characterize by the phrase: and the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord. Obviously, the Lord said enough and sent Samuel, who was the last good judge, who moved in the power of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



**<sup>1</sup> Then Ahithophel said to Absalom, Let me now choose 12,000 men, that I may arise and pursue after David this night:**

**<sup>2</sup> and I will come on him while he is weary and exhausted, and will terrify him, so all those who are with him flee. Then I will strike the king alone:**

**<sup>3</sup> and bring back all the people to you: the return of everyone based on the man whom you seek: then all the people will be at peace.**

**<sup>4</sup> And the plan pleased Absalom well, and all the elders of Israel.**

**<sup>5</sup> Then Absalom said, Now call Hushai the Archite (David's spy and faithful friend) also, and let us hear what he has to say.**

**<sup>6</sup> When Hushai came to Absalom, Absalom spoke to him, saying, Ahithophel has spoken thus: will we do according to his plan? if not; you speak.**

**<sup>7</sup> So Hushai said to Absalom, The advice Ahithophel has given is not good at this time.**

**<sup>8</sup> For, Hushai said, You know your father and his men, that they are mighty men, and they are fierce, like a bear robbed of her cubs in the field: and your father is a man of war, and will not stay the night with the people.**

**<sup>9</sup> By now, he has hid in a cave or in some other place: and it will happen, when some of them are overthrown at the first, that whoever hears it will say, There has been a slaughter among the people who follow Absalom,**

**<sup>10</sup> and even the one who is valiant, whose heart is like the heart of a lion, will completely lose heart: for all Israel knows that your father is a mighty man, and those who are with him are valiant men.**

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**<sup>11</sup> Therefore I advise that all Israel be surely gathered to you, from Dan even to Beersheba, as the sand that is by the seashore for a multitude; and that you yourself go to battle.**

**<sup>12</sup> So we will come upon him in some place where he is found, and we will fall on him like the dew falls on the ground: and of him and of all the men that are with him, not even one will be left.**

**<sup>13</sup> Moreover, if he withdraws to a city, then all Israel will bring ropes to that city, and we will drag it to the valley, until there not one small stone is found there.**

**<sup>14</sup> Then Absalom and all the men of Israel said, The advice of Hushai the Archite is better than the advice of Ahithophel. For the LORD arranged to defeat the good advice of Ahithophel, in order that the LORD might bring disaster on Absalom.**

**<sup>15</sup> Then Hushai (David's spy) said to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, Thus and thus did Ahithophel advice Absalom and the elders of Israel; and thus and such I have advised.**

**<sup>16</sup> So now, send quickly and tell David, saying, Do not remain this night in the Arabah of the wilderness, but cross over speedily; lest the king and all who are with him be destroyed.**

**<sup>17</sup> Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz were staying at En-rogel; and a lady went and told them; then they went and told king David.**

**<sup>18</sup> However, a boy saw them, and told Absalom: so they both went quickly, and came to the house of a man in Bahurim, who had a well in his courtyard; where they climbed into.**

**<sup>19</sup> And a woman took a covering and spread it over the opening of the well, and scattered ground corn on it; so nothing was known.**

**<sup>20</sup> And when the servants of Absalom came to the woman of the house, they said, Where is Ahimaaz and Jonathan? And the woman said to them, They went over the brook of water. And when they searched and could not find them, they returned to Jerusalem.**

**<sup>21</sup> And it happened, after they were departed, that they climbed out of the well, and went and told king David, and said to David, Arise, and cross over the water quickly: for thus has Ahithophel advised against you.**

**<sup>22</sup> Then David and all the people who were with him, arose and crossed over the Jordan: and by dawn, not even one of them had not crossed over the Jordan.**

**<sup>23</sup> And when Ahithophel saw that his advice was not followed, he arose saddled his ass, and went to his home, to his city, and put his household in order, and hanged himself, and died, and was buried in the tomb of his father.**

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And Absalom is defeated and dies

**24 Then David came to Mahanaim** / the sacred place perhaps 500 years earlier, where father Israel wrestled with the angel of the Lord.

**And Absalom crossed over the Jordan, he and all the men of Israel with him.**

**25 And Absalom set Amasa over the army instead of Joab. Now, Amasa was the son of a man, whose name was Ithra, an Israelite who went in to Abigail the daughter of Nahash, sister to Zeruiah, the mother of Joab.**

**26 So Israel and Absalom camped in the land of Gilead.**

**27 And it happened, when David came to Mahanaim, Shobi the son of Nahash from Rabbah of the sons of Ammon, and Machir the son of Ammiel from Lodebar, and Barzillai the Gileadite from Rogelim,**

**28 brought beds, basins, pottery, wheat, barley, flour, parched grain, beans, lentils, parched seeds,**

**29 honey, curds, sheep, and cheese of the herd, for David and the people who were with him, to eat: for they said, The people are hungry and weary and thirsty in the wilderness.**

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