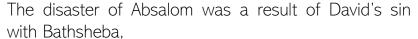
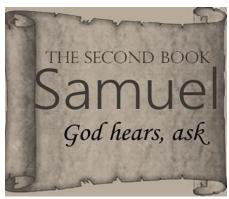


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In the 350 years of the judges before this book; years characterize by the phrase: and the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord. Obviously, the Lord said enough and sent Samuel, who was the last good judge, who moved in the power of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





- ¹ And it was told Joab, Behold, the king weeps and mourns for Absalom.
- ² And the victory that day was turned to mourning for all the people: because the people heard it said that day how the king grieved for his son.
- ³ So the people went cautiously that day into the city, as people humiliated who go away when they flee in battle.
- ⁴ And the king covered his face, and cried out with a loud voice, O my son Absalom, O Absalom, my son, my son!
- ⁵ Then Joab finally came into the house of the king, and said, Today, you have covered with shame the faces of all your servants, who saved your life, and the lives of your sons and your daughters, and the lives of your wives, and the lives of your concubines;
- ⁶ in that you love your enemy, and hate your friends. For you have shown this day, that you do not regard princes or servants: for this day I perceive, that if Absalom had lived, and all we had died this day, then you would be well pleased.
- ⁷So now arise, go forth, and speak encouragingly to your servants: for I swear by the LORD, if you do not go out, there will not pass this night one man with you: and that will be worse for you than all the wrong that has come to you from your youth until now.
- ⁸ Then the king arose, and sat in the gate. And when they told to all the people, saying, Behold, the king sits in the gate; then all the people came before the king.

Now Israel had fled, each to his tent.

⁹ And all the people were argumentative throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, The king saved us from the hand of our enemies, and he delivered us from the hand of the Philistines; but now he has fled from the land for Absalom.



- ¹⁰ However Absalom, whom we anointed over us, has died in battle. So now, why are you silent about not bringing the king back?
- ¹¹ Then king David sent to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, saying, Speak to the elders of Judah, ask them, Why are you the last to bring the king back to his house? seeing the word of all Israel has come to the king, even to his house.
- ¹² You are my brothers; you are my bone and my flesh: so then why are you the last to bring back the king?
- ¹³ And say to Amasa, Are you not my bone and my flesh? May God do so to me, and more also, if you will not be commander of the army before me continually in place of Joab / David chose Amasa, the commander of Absalom to replace Joab to secure allegiance with Judah; as well as to discipline Joab for disregarding orders and killing his son.
- ¹⁴ Thus he turned the hearts of all the men of **Judah**, even as one man; so they sent word to the king saying: Return, you and all your servants.
- 15 So the king then returned, and came as far as the Jordan.

And Judah came to Gilgal, to meet the king, and escort the king across the Jordan.

- ¹⁶ Then Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite, who was of Bahurim, hurried and came down with the men of Judah to meet King David.
- ¹⁷ And there were 1000 men of Benjamin with him, and Ziba the servant of the house of Saul, and his fifteen sons and his twenty servants with him; and they rushed over the Jordan before the king.
- ¹⁸ And they continued to cross to carry over the household of the king, and to do what he thought was good. And Shimei the son of Gera fell down before the king, as he was about to cross over the Jordan;
- ¹⁹ and said to the king, Do not let my lord consider my guilt, nor remember what your servant did perversely the day that my lord the king went out from Jerusalem, so that the king should take it to heart.
- ²⁰ For your servant knows I have sinned: therefore, behold, I have come today, the first of all the house of Joseph to go down to meet my lord the king.
- ²¹ But Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered and said, Should not Shimei be put to death for this, because he cursed the LORD'S anointed?



- ²² And David said, What have I to do with you, O sons of Zeruiah, that ye should this day be an adversary to me? Should any man be put to death this day in Israel? Do I not know that I am king over Israel today?
- ²³ And the king said to Shimei, You will not die. Thus the king pledged to him.
- ²⁴ Then Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet the king, and he had not dressed his feet, nor trimmed his beard, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he came again in peace.
- ²⁵ And it happened, when he came to Jerusalem to meet the king, that the king asked him, Why did you not go with me, Mephibosheth?
- ²⁶ And he answered, My lord, O king, my servant deceived me: for your servant said, I will saddle me an ass, that I may ride on it, and go to the king; because your servant is lame.
- 27 Moreover, he has slandered your servant to my lord the king; but my lord the king is like an angel of God: so now, do what is good in your eyes.
- ²⁸ For all of the household of my father were nothing but dead men before my lord the king: yet you set your servant among those who ate at your own table. So what right do I have to complain anymore to the king?
- 29 So the king said to him, Why do you still speak of your matters? I have decided, You and Ziba divide the land.
- 30 And Mephibosheth said to the king, Yes, let him take it all, since my lord the king has come again safely to his own house.
- 31 Now Barzillai the Gileadite came down from Rogelim, and went to the Jordan with the king, to escort him over the Jordan.
- 32 Barzillai was an old man, being eighty years old: and he had sustained the king while he was at Mahanaim; for he was a very great man.
- 33 And the king said to Barzillai, Cross over with me; I will sustain you with me in Jerusalem.
- 34 And Barzillai said to the king, How much longer have I to live, that I should go up with the king to Jerusalem?
- ³⁵ I am now eighty years old: and can I discern between good and evil? can your servant taste what I eat or what I drink? can I hear anymore the voice of singing men and women? Why then should your servant be an added burden to my lord the king?



- ³⁶ Your servant will merely cross over the Jordan with the king: and should the king compensate me with this reward?
- ³⁷ Please let your servant return, that I may die in my own city, and be buried near the grave of my father and mother. However, behold your servant Chimham; let him go over with my lord the king; and do to him what seems good to you.
- ³⁸ And the king answered, Chimham will go over with me, and I will do to him what is good to you: and whatever you require of me, that I will do for you.
- ³⁹ And all the people crossed over the Jordan, and the king crossed over too. Then the king kissed Barzillai, and blessed him; and he returned to his place.

Sedition and unrest in the kingdom continues,

- ⁴⁰ Now the king went on to Gilgal, and Chimham went with him: and all the people of **Judah** escorted the king, and also half the people of Israel accompanied the king.
- ⁴¹ And, behold, all the men of **Israel** came to the king, and said to the king, Why have our brothers the men of **Judah** stolen you away, and have brought the king, and his household, and all the men of David with him, over the Jordan?
- ⁴² And all the men of Judah answered the men of Israel, Because the king is near of kin / he's a close relative to us: why then are you angry about this matter? have we eaten at all of the king's expense? or has he given us any gift?
- ⁴³ And the men of **Israel** answered the men of **Judah**, and said, We have ten parts in the king, and we have also more claim on David than you: so why then do you despise us? Was it not our advice first to bring back our king? Yet the words of the men of **Judah** were more harsh than the words of the men of **Israel**.