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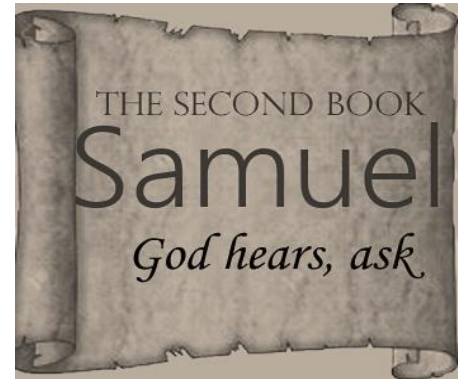
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In the 350 years of the judges before this book; years characterize by the phrase: and the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord. Obviously, the Lord said enough and sent Samuel, who was the last good judge, who moved in the power of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



¹ Now it happened after the death of Saul, when David returned from the slaughter of the Amalekites, and David remained two days in Ziklag;

² it also happened on the third day, that, behold, a man came from the camp from Saul with his clothes rent, and dust on his head: and so it was, when he came to David, that he fell to the earth, and did obeisance.

³ And David said to him, Where do you come from? And he said to him, I escaped from the camp of Israel.

⁴ And David said to him, How did things go? Please tell me. And he answered, the people fled from the battle, and many people also have fallen and are dead; and Saul and Jonathan his son are dead also.

⁵ And David said to the young man who told him, How do you know that Saul and his son Jonathan are dead?

⁶ And the young man who told him said, By chance I happened on Mount Gilboa, and behold, Saul was leaning on his spear; and, lo, the chariots and horsemen pursued him closely.

⁷ And when he looked behind him, he saw me, and called to me. And I said, Here I am.

⁸ And he said to me, Who are you? And I answered him, I am an Amalekite.

⁹ Then he said to me again, Please stand beside me, and kill me: for anguish has seized me, because my life still is in me.

¹⁰ So I stood beside him, and killed him, because I knew he could not live after he had fallen: and I took the crown that was on his head, and the bracelet that was on his arm, and have brought them here to my lord.

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11 Then David took hold on his clothes, and rent them; and likewise all the men who were with him:

12 And they mourned, and wept, and fasted until even, for Saul and his son Jonathan, and for the people of the LORD, and for the house of Israel; because they had fallen by the sword.

13 And David said to the young man who told him, Where are you from? And he answered, I am the son of an alien, an Amalekite.

14 And David said to him, How is it you were not afraid to stretch forth your hand to destroy the LORD'S anointed?

15 And David called one of the young men, and said, Go, and cut him down. So he struck him and he died.

16 And David said to him, Your blood be on your head; for your mouth has testified against you, saying, I killed the LORD'S anointed.

17 And David chanted this lament over Saul and Jonathan his son:

18 (Also he told them teach the children of Judah the song of the bow:

behold, it is written in the book of Jasher.)

19 Your beauty O Israel is killed on your high places: how the mighty have fallen!

20 Tell it not in Gath, proclaim it not in the streets of Askelon; lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised exalt.

21 O mountains of Gilboa, let no dew nor rain be on you, nor fields of offerings: for there the shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul, not anointed with oil.

22 From the blood of the killed, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan turn back, and the sword of Saul did no return empty.

23 Saul and Jonathan, beloved and pleasant in their life, and in their death they were not parted. They were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions.

24 O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who lavishly clothed you in scarlet, who put ornaments of gold on your apparel.

25 How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle!

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O Jonathan, is killed on your high places.

²⁶ I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan: very pleasant you have been to me: your love for me was wonderful, surpassing the love of women.

²⁷ How the mighty have fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

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