

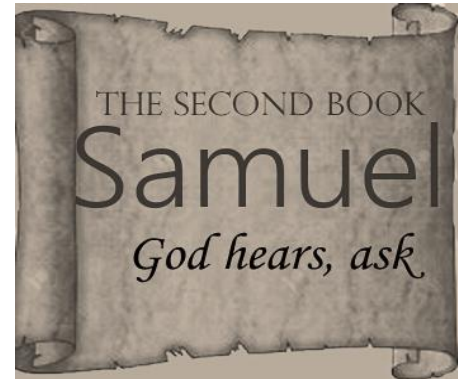
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In the 350 years of the judges before this book; years characterize by the phrase: and the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord. Obviously, the Lord said enough and sent Samuel, who was the last good judge, who moved in the power of 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. The last chapters in this book include several events not in chronological order.



The last words of David,

¹ Now these be the last words of David. David the son of Jesse said, and the man who was raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said,

² The Spirit of the LORD spoke through me, and His word was on my tongue.

³ The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spoke to me, He who rules over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.

⁴ And he will be as the light of the morning, when the sun rises, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing from the earth by clear shining after rain.

⁵ Although my house is not so with God; yet He has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things, and sure: for this is all that **saves, and all my desire, will He not indeed make it grow?**

⁶ But the sons of Belial / the worthless sons of B will all of them be as thorns thrown away, because they cannot be taken in hands:

⁷ But the man that touches them must be armed with iron and the shaft of a spear; and they will be completely burned with fire in their place.

⁸ These are the names of the mighty men whom David had: Josheb-basshebeth a Tahchemonite, chief among the commanders; he was called Adino the Eznite: he lift up his spear against 800, whom he killed at one time.

⁹ And after him was Eleazar the son of Dodo the Ahohite, one of the three mighty men with David, when they defied the Philistines who gathered to battle, and the men of Israel were withdrawn.

¹⁰ He arose, and struck the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand clung to the sword: and the LORD worked a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to the spoils of the slain.

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¹¹ Now after him was Shammah the son of Agee the Hararite. And the Philistines were gathered together into a troop, where was a parcel of ground full of lentils: and the people fled from the Philistines.

¹² But he took his stand in the midst of the ground, and defended it, and killed the Philistines: and the LORD worked another great victory.

¹³ Then three of the thirty chief men went down, and came to David in the harvest time to the cave of Adullam: and the troop of the Philistines camped in the valley of Rephaim.

¹⁴ And David was then in a stronghold, while the garrison of Philistines was in Bethlehem.

¹⁵ And David craved, and said, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate!

¹⁶ And the three mighty men / just hearing David's words... broke through the camp of the Philistine army, and drew water from the well of Bethlehem, which was by the gate of the city, and took it, and brought it to David: however he would not drink it, but poured it out to the LORD.

¹⁷ And he said, Be it far from me, O LORD, that I should do this: is not this the blood of the men that went in jeopardy of their lives? So he would not drink it. These things these three mighty men did.

¹⁸ And Abishai, the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruiah, was chief among three. And he lifted up his spear against 300, and killed them, and had a name among three.

¹⁹ He was most honorable of thirty, therefore he was their captain: however he did not attain to the three.

²⁰ Then Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man, of Kabzeel, who had done many deeds, he killed two men of Ariel of Moab: he also went down and killed a lion in the middle of a pit in winter:

²¹ And he killed an Egyptian, an impressive man: and the Egyptian had a spear in his hand; but he went down to him with a club, and grabbed the spear from the Egyptian's hand, and killed him with his own spear.

²² These things Benaiah the son of Jehoiada did, and had a name as well as the three mighty men.

²³ He was honored among the thirty, but he did not attain to the three. And David appointed him over his guard.

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- ²⁴ Asahel the brother of Joab was among the thirty; Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem,
- ²⁵ Shammah the Harodite, Elikah the Harodite,
- ²⁶ Helez the Paltite, Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite,
- ²⁷ Abiezer the Anethothite, Mebunnai the Hushasite,
- ²⁸ Zalmon the Ahohite, Maharai the Netophathite,
- ²⁹ Heleb the son of Baanah, a Netophathite, Ittai the son of Ribai from Gibeah of the children of Benjamin,
- ³⁰ Benaiah the Pirathonite, Hiddai of the brooks of Gaash,
- ³¹ Abi-albon the Arbathite, Azmaveth the Barhumite,
- ³² Eliahba the Shaalbonite, of the sons of Jashen, Jonathan,
- ³³ Shammah the Hararite, Ahiam the son of Sharar the Hararite,
- ³⁴ Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai, the son of the Maacathite, Eliam the son of Ahithophel the Gilonite,
- ³⁵ Hezro the Carmelite, Paarai the Arbite,
- ³⁶ Igal the son of Nathan of Zobah, Bani the Gadite,
- ³⁷ Zelek the Ammonite, Nahari the Beerothite, armor bearers to Joab the son of Zeruiah,
- ³⁸ Ira an Ithrite, Gareb an Ithrite,
- ³⁹ Uriah the Hittite: thirty-seven in all.

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