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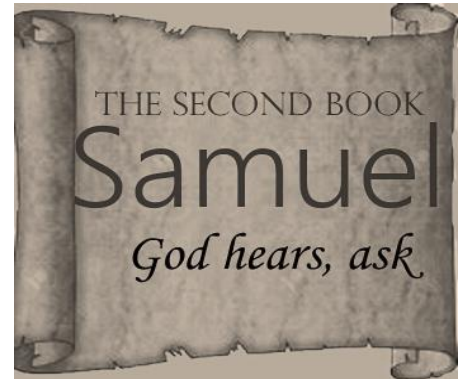
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In the 350 years of the judges before this book; years characterize by the phrase: and the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord. Obviously, the Lord said enough and sent Samuel, who was the last good judge, who moved in the power of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

The kingdom of David includes Israel and Judah; after a civil war,



¹ And it happened after this, that David enquired of the LORD, saying, Will I go up to any of the cities of Judah? And the LORD said to him, Go up. And David said, Where will I go up? And He said, To Hebron.

² So David went up there, with his two wives also, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail widow of Nabal the Carmelite.

³ And David brought up his men who were with him, each with his household: and they lived in the cities of Hebron.

⁴ And the men of Judah came, and there anointed David king over the house of Judah. And they told David, saying, It was the men of Jabesh-gilead who buried Saul.

⁵ And David sent messengers to the men of Jabesh-gilead, and said to them, Blessed are you of the LORD, you who showed this kindness to your lord, even to Saul, and buried him.

⁶ And now may the LORD show kindness and truth to you: and I also will show this kindness to you, because you have done this thing.

⁷ So now let your hands be strong, and be valiant: for Saul your lord is dead, and also the house of Judah has anointed me king over them.

⁸ But Abner the son of Ner, captain of Saul's army, took Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and brought him over to Mahanaim;

⁹ and he made him king over Gilead, and over the Ashurites, over Jezreel, over Ephraim, over Benjamin, and over all Israel.

¹⁰ Ish-bosheth the son of Saul was forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and reigned two years. But the house of Judah followed David.

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¹¹ And the time that David was king in Hebron over the house of **Judah** was seven years and six months.

¹² Now Abner the son of Ner, and the servants of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, went out from Mahanaim to Gibeon.

¹³ And Joab the son of Zeruiah, and the servants of David, went out, and met together by the pool of Gibeon: and they sat down, the one on the one side of the pool, and the other on the other side of the pool.

¹⁴ Then Abner said to Joab, Let the young men now arise, and contend before us. And Joab said, Let them arise.

¹⁵ Then there arose and went over by count twelve for Benjamin, pertaining to Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and twelve of the servants of David.

¹⁶ And each one seized his opponent by the head, and thrust his sword in his opponent's side; so they fell down together. Therefore that place was called Helkath-hazzurim, which is in Gibeon.

¹⁷ And that day the battle was severe; and Abner and the men of Israel were beaten, before the servants of David.

¹⁸ Now the three sons of Zeruiah were there, Joab, and Abishai, and Asahel: and Asahel was as swift as a wild gazelle in the field.

¹⁹ And Asahel pursued after Abner; and going he did not turn to the right or the left from following Abner.

²⁰ Then Abner looked behind him, and said, Are you Asahel? And he answered, I am.

²¹ And Abner said to him, Turn aside to your right or to your left, and take hold of one of the young men, and take his armor. But Asahel would not turn aside from following him.

²² And again Abner said to Asahel, Turn aside from following me: why should I strike you to the ground? How then could I lift up my face to Joab your brother?

²³ However he refused to turn aside: so Abner struck him under the fifth rib, with the blunt end of the spear, that the spear came out of his back. And he fell there, and died on the spot: and it happened, that all who came to where Asahel fell down and died, halted.

²⁴ But Joab and Abishai also pursued after Abner: and when the sun went down, they came to the hill of Ammah, that is by Giah on the way to the wilderness of Gibeon.

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²⁵ And the children of Benjamin gathered themselves behind Abner, and became one troop, and stood on the top of a certain hill.

²⁶ Then Abner called to Joab, and said, Will the sword devour forever? Do you not know that it will be bitterness in the end? How long will it be then, before you ask the people turn back from following his brothers?

²⁷ And Joab said, As God lives, unless you had spoken, surely then the people would have gone away in the morning, each from following his brother.

²⁸ So Joab blew a trumpet, and all the people halted, and pursued after Israel no longer, nor did they continue to fight anymore.

²⁹ Abner and his men walked all that night through Arabah, and crossed over the Jordan, walking all morning, and came to Mahanaim.

³⁰ Then Joab returned from following Abner; when he had gathered all the people together, nineteen of the servants of David besides Asahel were missing.

³¹ But the servants of David had struck Benjamin and the men of Abner, that 360 men died.

³² And they took up Asahel, and buried him in his father's tomb which was in Bethlehem. Then Joab and his men went all night, and they came to Hebron at dawn.

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