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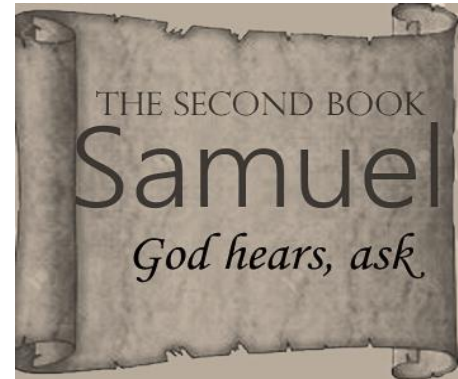
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In the 350 years of the judges before this book; years characterize by the phrase: and the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord. Obviously, the Lord said enough and sent Samuel, who was the last good judge, who moved in the power of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



¹ Then all the tribes of Israel came to David to Hebron, saying, Behold, we are your bone and your flesh.

² In time past, when Saul was king over us, you were he who led out and brought in Israel: and the LORD said to you, You will feed my people Israel, and You will be ruler over Israel.

³ So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and king David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD: and they anointed David king over Israel.

⁴ David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years.

⁵ In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years over all Israel and Judah / at least all Israel still around Jerusalem; Israel was getting prepared to move to a place of their own; where they are today, we read about it in the next chapter.

⁶ And the king and his men went to Jerusalem to the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land: who spoke to David, saying, Except you take away the blind and the lame, You will not come here: thinking, David cannot enter here.

⁷ Nevertheless David took the strong hold of Zion: the same is the city of David.

⁸ And David said on that day, Whoever will strike the Jebusites, go up by way of the water gutter, and get those lame and blind who are hated of David's soul, and he will be chief and captain. So they said, The blind and the lame will not come into the house.

⁹ So David lived in the fort, and called it the city of David. And David built around it from the Millo and inward.

¹⁰ And David grew greater and greater, and the LORD, the God of hosts was with him.

¹¹ And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters, and masons: and they built David a house. / massive archeological work has been done in recent years.

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¹² And David realized that the LORD had established him king over **Israel**, and that he had exalted his kingdom for the sake of His people Israel.

¹³ And David took more concubines and wives from Jerusalem, after he came from Hebron: and there more sons and daughters were born to David.

¹⁴ And these be the names of those who were born to him in Jerusalem; Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon,

¹⁵ Ibhar, Elishua, Nepheg, and Japhia,

¹⁶ Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphalet.

¹⁷ When the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines came **up** to seek David; and David heard of it, and **went down** to the stronghold / notice, the fortress was lower than the palace that was constructed for David on the upper part of the 12 acres known as the City of David; further up the hill a short distance is where the temple would be built.



¹⁸ The Philistines also came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.

¹⁹ And David enquired of the LORD, saying, Should I go up against the Philistines?

Will You deliver them into my hand? And the LORD said to David,

Go up: for I will certainly deliver the Philistines into your hand.

²⁰ So David came to Baal-perazim, and David defeated them there, and said, The LORD has broken through my enemies before me, like the breakthrough of waters. Therefore he named that place Baal-perazim.

²¹ And there they abandoned their idols, and David and his men burned them.

²² And the Philistines came up yet again, and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.

²³ And when David enquired of the LORD,

He said, You will not go up *directly* ; but circle around behind them, and come against them at the mulberry trees.

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²⁴ And it will be, when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then you will arouse yourselves:

for then the LORD will go before you, to destroy the army of the Philistines.

²⁵ And David did so, as the LORD instructed him;

and struck down the Philistines from Geba as far as Gezer.

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