

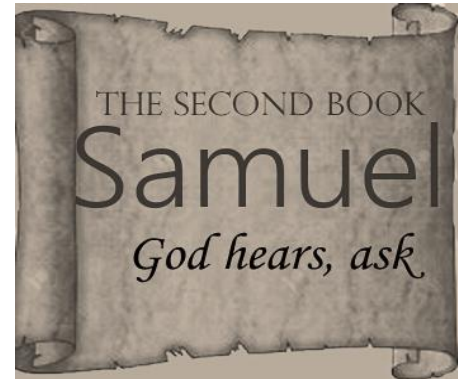
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In the 350 years of the judges before this book; years characterize by the phrase: and the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord. Obviously, the Lord said enough and sent Samuel, who was the last good judge, who moved in the power of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

¹ Now David said, Is there still anyone who is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?

² And there was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was Ziba. So when they had called him to David, the king said to him, Are you Ziba? He said, At your service! ³ Then the king said, Is there not still someone of the house of Saul, to whom I may show the kindness of God? And Ziba said to the king, There is still a son of Jonathan who is lame in his feet.

⁴ So the king said to him, Where is he? And Ziba said to the king, Indeed he is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, in Lo Debar. ⁵ Then King David sent and brought him out of the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, from Lo Debar.

⁶ Now when Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, had come to David, he fell on his face and prostrated himself. Then David said, Mephibosheth? And he answered, Here is your servant! ⁷ So David said to him, Do not fear, for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father's sake, and will restore to you all the land of Saul your grandfather; and you will eat bread at my table continually.

⁸ Then he bowed himself, and said, What is your servant, that you should look upon such a dead dog as I? ⁹ And the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said to him, I have given to your master's son all that belonged to Saul and to all his house.

¹⁰ You So, and your sons and your servants, will work the land for him, and you will bring in the harvest, that your master's son may have food to eat. But Mephibosheth your master's son will eat bread at my table always. Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. ¹¹ Then Ziba said to the king, According to all that my lord the king has commanded his servant, so will your servant do.

As for Mephibosheth, said the king, he will eat at my table like one of the king's sons. ¹² Mephibosheth had a young son whose name was Micha. And all who dwelt in the house of

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Ziba were servants of Mephibosheth. ¹³So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem, for he ate continually at the king's table. **And he was lame in both his feet.**

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