

# II SAMUEL

## AT-A-GLANCE



**O.T. BOOK #10**



**AUTHOR(s):**

Probably Nathan the prophet and  
Gad the Seer (I Chron. 29:29)



**WRITTEN:**

Around 900 BC

**Covering the time period of 1000-975 BC**

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Old Testament: 39 Books

New Testament: 27 Books

**BOOK HIGHLIGHTS:** Covers the reign of King David

### KEY STORIES:

- David brings the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem (II Samuel 8)
- David takes another man's wife and has him killed (II Samuel 12)
- The attempted coup and death of David's son Absalom (II Samuel 18)

### KEY VERSES:

Then said his servants unto him, What thing is this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and weep for the child, while it was alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread. And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell whether GOD will be gracious to me, that the child may live? **II Samuel 12:21-22**

## Important Points about the Book:

- II Samuel covers the reign of King David. He was truly the first "good king" of Israel, and there were relatively few. When kings were listed, it was said they "*did that which was {right or evil} in the sight of the Lord*".
- Chapters 1-10 show David as an excellent warrior and leader who is compassionate to the sick and poor.
- Chapters 11-24, we see David facing tests of his leadership as well as trials in his own family. Some the cause of his own doing - such as his sin with Uriah and Bathsheeba. Others were dealing with multiple sons with different personalities and ways of doing things.

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II Samuel is devoted to the historical record of the monarchy of David over the nation of Israel. The entire book is devoted to him. The book records David's rise to power, his capture and establishment of Jerusalem to the capital of Israel, his desire and preparation to build the temple, the Davidic covenant (God's covenant with the house of David) and its picture of the future reign of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the sorrows in a royal family. **II Samuel 7:12-17**



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## BREAKDOWNS

II Samuel 1	David Finds Out That Saul is Dead
II Samuel 2	David Anointed King Over Judah
II Samuel 3	Abner Revolts Against David
II Samuel 4	Ishbosheth is Murdered
II Samuel 5	David Becomes King Over All of Israel
II Samuel 6	The Ark is Brought to Jerusalem; Uzzah "helps God"
II Samuel 7	David Wants to Build a House For God
II Samuel 8	God Blesses David in Battles
II Samuel 9	David Shows Kindness to Mephibosheth
II Samuel 10	David's Men Embarrassed For Delivering a Message
II Samuel 11	David Takes Bathsheba, Has Uriah Killed
II Samuel 12	Nathan Reveals David's Sin
II Samuel 13	Amnon Rapes His Sister; Absalom Kills Him
II Samuel 15-17	David Flees Absalom
II Samuel 18	The Death of Absalom
II Samuel 19	David Returns to Jerusalem
II Samuel 20	Sheba Rebels
II Samuel 21	A Famine in Israel For Violating a Treaty
II Samuel 22	David's Song of Praise to God
II Samuel 23:1-7	Last Words of David
II Samuel 23:8-39	List of David's Warriors
II Samuel 24	David's Sin in Numbering the People

## INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT II SAMUEL

- Chapters: 24
- Verses: 695
- Words: 20,612
- The story of David begins in I Samuel 16 and ends in II Kings 2
- David is the halfway point between Abraham and Christ
- David's 40-year reign consisted of:
  - ◇ 7.5 years over Judah from Hebron
  - ◇ 33 years reigning over Judah and Israel



- David always repented and turned back to God when he messed up.
- David, unlike many of the kings which followed him, never allowed idolatry during his reign.
- David's character can be described as justice, wisdom, integrity, courage and compassion.