

# Old Testament Introduction

## *The Book of 2 Samuel*

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### INTRODUCTION

- 1) The book of 2 Samuel continues the message of 1 Samuel. The kingdom of Israel was established under \_\_\_\_\_ in 1 Samuel, and extended under \_\_\_\_\_ in 2 Samuel.
- 2) In 1 Samuel, the kingdom under Saul was stabilized as compared to the anarchical days of the Judges. In 2 Samuel, the kingdom under David's reign was \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) The book of 2 Samuel presents the biographical story of David and is devoted entirely to his reign. This book could be titled "*The \_\_\_\_\_ of King David.*"
- 4) In 1 Samuel, Saul is pictured as the \_\_\_\_\_ choice. In 2 Samuel, David is pictured as \_\_\_\_\_ choice.
- 5) This book commenced with David's accession to the throne (2:1-4). To begin with, only the tribe of Judah followed King David with the remainder of Israel following Ishbosheth, the son of Saul (2:8-10). Later, after the murder of Ishbosheth by two of his own men, Israel accepted David as their king as well (5:1-4). David ruled in Hebron for \_\_\_\_\_ years and Jerusalem for \_\_\_\_\_ years.
- 6) 2 Samuel portrays King David as a "*wonderful \_\_\_\_\_ to his people*" (5:2). This is the first time a leader of God's people is pictured as such.

### AUTHORSHIP

- 1) **The Traditional view:** The author of 2 Samuel, like 1 Samuel, is \_\_\_\_\_. It is possible that Nathan and Gad, contemporaries of David, wrote this book. (1 Chronicles 29:29)
- 2) **The Critical view:** Critics would say that 2 Samuel was compiled from two principle sources: "*J*" (*Jehovist*) = 10<sup>th</sup> century BC and "*E*" (*Elohists*) = 8<sup>th</sup> century BC.

### RECIPIENTS

The Book of Second Samuel was addressed to the nation of Israel.

### DATE OF WRITING

The book of 1st Samuel covers the period from the death of Saul, about \_\_\_\_\_ BC, to just prior to David's death in \_\_\_\_\_ B. C. It was probably written soon after the division of the united Kingdom in \_\_\_\_\_ BC.

### PURPOSE OF BOOK

1. To continue the history of Israel from the death of Saul to the reign of \_\_\_\_\_ and to give a picture of the firm establishment of the monarchy during the period of Israel's greatest \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. To demonstrate effective \_\_\_\_\_ under God.

### THEME OF THE BOOK

Just as in 1 Samuel, the thought of \_\_\_\_\_ controls the book of 2nd Samuel. King David was a man who "*enquired of the LORD.*" (2:1; 5:19, 23; 21:1) Humbly \_\_\_\_\_ and then \_\_\_\_\_ God's guidance was the key to David's success as Israel's leader.

### OUTLINE

- I. David's Triumphs (1-10)
  - A. David anointed King over Judah 2:1
  - B. David anointed King over Israel 5:3
  - C. David reigning over Israel 8:15
- II. David's Troubles (11-24)
  - A. David's sin with Bathsheba 11
  - B. God chastises David 12-18
  - C. David's sin of pride 24