

2 SAMUEL

1. TITLES:

- A. Samuel = asked of God
- B. "The Second Book of Kings" -- Septuagint Title
- C. The Book of The Monarchy
- D. The Book of The King

2. AUTHOR:

Possibly written by Nathan and Gad (1 Chr. 29:29)

3. DATE:

- A. Covers approximately 40 years, from David's Enthronement to just before His death.
- B. Probably written between 970 and 900 B.C.

4. KEY WORDS:

- A. King ('s, dom) - 290
- B. David ('s) - 286

Key Phrases:

- A. "before the Lord" - 10
- B. "enquired of the Lord" – 4

5. KEY VERSES: 5:12

6. PURPOSE:

- A. To establish the Davidic Covenant, Seed, Throne and Kingdom (2 Sam. 7; Ps. 89)
- B. To record the reign of David including both his triumphs and his trials.

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7. MESSAGE:

- A. Patience and dependence upon God are necessary for the fulfillment of His promises. (Shown by David's preparation to be king from humiliation (1 Sam.) to exaltation (2 Sam.).)
- B. Obedience will bring blessing for those in Covenant relationship with God (Shown by the first 20 years of David's reign.)
- C. Sometimes pardoned sin is still punished. (Shown by the last 20 years of David's reign).

8. OUTLINE:

- I. David's Triumphs: 20 years of Blessing Ch. 1-10
 - A. David: King Over Judah (7 years) Ch. 1-4
 - B. David: King Over All Israel (33 years) Ch. 5-10
- II. David's Trials: 20 years of Judgment Ch. 11-24
 - A. David's Downfall : Pardon and Punishment Ch. 11-21
 - B. Closing Scenes Ch. 22-24

9. SUMMARY:

This book is basically a biography of David setting him forth as the anointed political and religious king. David was "a man after God's own heart" (1 Sam. 3:14), and thus he established the Tabernacle of David and the order of worship set forth in the Psalms (2 Sam. 23:1,2). He obeyed the Covenant and was constantly "enquiring before the Lord". However, this is the only book that also records David's downfall and the tragic consequences.

10. CHRIST SEEN:

Christ, "the Son of David", is seen as the "Greater King David" who establishes the New Testament order of worship. The Davidic Covenant is the covenant of Messiah as the ultimate political (king) and religious (priest) ruler of the world.