

Old Testament Survey

Session Fourteen

The Books of 2 Samuel & 1 Chronicles

The Book of 2 Samuel – General

- The Book of Samuel-B (שמואל ב) *Samuel Bet*
- Author: Unknown
 - Similar to 1 Samuel, there is no direct claim to authorship in this book
- Date:
 - Begins with death of Saul
 - Ends with the census of David
- Covers: @1010 – 970 BC

2 Samuel 1:1

וַיְהִי אַחֲרֵי מוֹת שְׂאוּל

Now it came about after
the death of Saul...

(NAS)

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- And it came about after the death of Abraham . . . (Gen 25:11) [Hebrew is the same]
 - Now it came about after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD . . . (Joshua 1:1)
 - Now it came about after the death of Joshua . . . (Jud 1:1)
 - Now it came about after the death of Saul . . . (2 Sam 1:1)
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- . . . *after the death of the two sons of Aaron.* (Lev 16:1) [Similar Hebrew]
 - [Later] . . . *after the death of Ahab.* (2 Kings 1:1)

Now it came about after the death of...

- And it came about after the death of Abraham, that God blessed his son Isaac. (Genesis 25:11)

[Abrahamic Covenant: Torch passed to Isaac]

- Now it came about after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD that the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun (Joshua 1:1)

[Mosaic Covenant: Torch passed to Joshua]

- Now it came about after the death of Joshua that the sons of Israel inquired of the LORD (Judges 1:1)

[Joshua's Covenant: Torch passed to the people (remember, "there was no king in those days")]

- Now it came about after the death of Saul . . . that David remained two days in Ziklag (2 Samuel 1:1)

[Saul's (Samuel's?) Covenant: Torch passed to David]

The Second Book of Samuel – Major Themes

- Davidic Covenant – 7; 22:51; 23:1-7
- Glory of Israel and her king
 - Prophesied by Hannah (divine reversal)
 - Present – (5:6-10, 17-25; 8:1-14; 10:1-19)
 - Future – See esp. 7:8-29
- The Ark and the Temple in Jerusalem!
 - 2 Samuel 6 – Brought to Jerusalem by David
 - 2 Samuel 7 – David's desire to build
 - 2 Samuel 15:24-29 – Remains in Jerusalem
 - 2 Samuel 24 – The threshing floor of Araunah

The Second Book of Samuel – Major Characters

- David
 - Righteous (1:11-27; 4:9-12; 6:5, 12-19; 7:2; 8:15; 9; 24:24)
 - Victorious (5:6-10, 17-25; 8:1-14; 10:1-19)
 - Disobedient (11)
 - Repentant (12:13)
 - Singer/Dancer (1:17-27; 6:14-16; 22:1-51)
 - Zealous/Passionate (1:19ff, 3:33ff, 6:8-9, 14-16, 21; 12:5-6; 19:1-4)
- David's Sons
 - Absalom ("My father is peace") (3:3, 13-19; 20:6)
 - Solomon (Jedidiah = "Loved by Yahweh") (5:14; 7:12-16; 12:24-25)

The Second Book of Samuel – Major Characters

- Nathan
 - Samuel rebuked Saul
 - Nathan rebukes David
 - Prophets will continue this role for years to come
- Note who is missing
 - Philistines, Ammonites get a little ink
 - Where is Egypt, Assyria, Babylon?
 - God has given rest!

The Second Book of Samuel – Major Places

- Tyre (e.g., 2 Samuel 5:11)
 - Important commercial city
 - Will be important in Kings, prophets
- Damascus (e.g., 2 Samuel 8:5)
 - Residents called “Arameans”
 - Also called Syrians
 - Will be important in Kings, prophets

The Second Book of Samuel – Major Characters

- Jerusalem!
 - Original king: Melchizedek (Gen 14:18; Heb 7:1-2)
 - “Historically, David’s conquering of Salem gave him the throne of Melchizedek” (Pettegrew) – Psa 110:4
 - Adoni-zedek defeated by Joshua (Josh 10)
 - Inhabitants not driven out (Josh 15:63; 18:28)
 - Defeated but not taken (Judg 1:7-8, 21; 19:10)
 - Location of Goliath’s head? (1 Sam 17:54)
 - Captured by David (2 Sam 5)
 - Location of the Ark, Temple (2 Sam 5, 24)
 - Capital of Israel (2 Sam 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14 . . .)
 - Protected by God (2 Sam 24:15)

The Second Book of Samuel – Structure

- The Recognition of David on the Throne (1-10)
 - Kingship over Judah in Hebron (1-4)
 - Kingship over Israel in Jerusalem (5-10)
- The Rejection of David from the Throne (11-18)
 - David's Sin (11)
 - David's Sorrow (12a)
 - David's Suffering (12b-18)

The Second Book of Samuel – Structure

- The Restoration of David to the Throne (19-24)
 - David's Ascension to the Throne (19-21)
 - David's Aspirations on the Throne (22-24)

The Book of 1 Chronicles – General

- The Book of journals (דברי הימים א) *Dibri Himym*
- Author: Unknown
 - Tradition points to Ezra
- Date:
 - Begins with recap from Adam to king Zedekiah
 - Ends with the death of David
- Covers: (@4004) 1015 – 970 BC

The Book of 1 Chronicles – Structure

- The predecessors of the Temple (1-10)
 - The primeval period (1a)
 - The patriarchal period (1b-2a)
 - The national period (2b-10)
- The preparation of the Temple (11-29)
 - David prepares for Temple construction (11-22)
 - David prepares for Temple operation (23-29)

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Question Time!