

Second Book of Samuel

Introduction

Author and Date

Who does Jewish rabbinic tradition consider as the author of the book of 2nd Samuel?

Title

What is the Hebrew title for the books of Samuel?

Place in the Canon

Where does the book of 2nd Samuel fit in the Hebrew Bible?

Structure

What is the threefold structure of the book of 2nd Samuel?

Content and Themes

Who is the main character of 2nd Samuel and what are the two main biographical levels that the book can be read?

Christian Perspective

How does Christian tradition view the book of 2nd Samuel?

Read (1:1-16) How is the story of Saul's death suspicious? (Note 1:1-16)

What is the meaning of the phrase "the Lord's anointed"? (Note 1:14)

Read (2:1) What is the leading city of Judah at this time? (Note 2:1)

Read (2:2-4) What happened at Hebron? (Note 2:4)

Read (2:8-11) Who is Ishboshet? (Note 2:8)

Read (2:12-17) Who is Joab? (Note 2:13) How did they attempt to settle the conflict? (Note 2:15)

Read (2:29-32) Where is Bethlehem? (Note 2:32)

Read (3:1) How long does the war last? (Note 3:1)

How many sons does David father while in Hebron? Note (3:2-5)

Read (3:6-7) Why does Abner take Saul's concubine? (Note 3:7)

Does Abner shift his allegiance? (Note 3:12-16)

Read (3:20-30) How does Joab react with the news of Abner joining forces with David? (Note 3:22-30)

What happens to Ishbosheth after Abner is killed? (Note 4:1-12)

Read (5:1-5) Is David king over all 12 tribes? (Note 5:1-5)

Read (5:6-10) Is Jerusalem both the political and spiritual capital of the Israel? (Note 5:6)

Where is Zion located (Note 5:7)

Read (5:13) How many sons does King David have? (Note 5:13)

Read (6:1-8) What happens to Uzzah when he reaches out to steady the ark?
(Note 6:3-8)

Read (6:9-19) How does the ark make its way to Zion? (Note 6:12-19)

What is the difference between the Davidic Tabernacle and the Mosaic Tabernacle? (Note 6:17)

Does David offer a thank offering (todah)? (Note 6:19)

Read (6:20-23) Who is Michal and why does she scold David? (Note 6:20)

Does Michal forfeit her blessing? (Note 6:23)