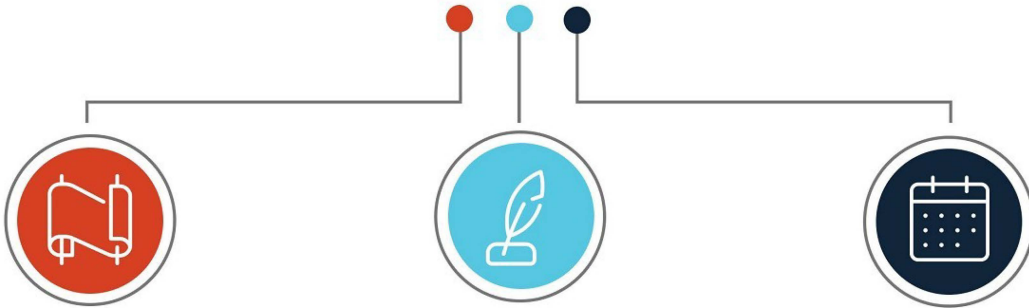


# II SAMUEL

## AT-A-GLANCE



O.T. BOOK #10

**AUTHOR: PROPHETS NATHAN AND GAD**  
were main contributors. Samuel also is thought to have contributed records and such, even though he died during the reign of King Saul.

**WRITTEN: AROUND 900 BC**

## Covering the time period of 1000–975 BC

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Old Testament: 39 Books

New Testament: 27 Books

**CLAIMS TO FAME:** Covers the reign of King David

### FAMOUS STORIES INCLUDED:

- David brings the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem and embarrasses his wife while dancing joyfully. (2 Samuel 8)
- David takes Bathsheba, another man's wife. (2 Samuel 11)
- The attempted coup and death of David's son Absalom (2 Samuel 18)

### MOST FAMOUS VERSES:

His attendants asked him, "Why are you acting this way? While the child was alive, you fasted and wept, but now that the child is dead, you get up and eat!" He answered, "While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept. I thought, 'Who knows? The LORD may be gracious to me and let the child live.'" **2 Samuel 12:21-22**

## Important Points about the Book:

- Second Samuel covers the reign of King David. He became known as the first good king of Israel. There were only a few good kings!
- Chapters 1 through 10 show David as an excellent warrior and leader who also is compassionate to the sick and poor and always tries to do what would make God happy.
- In Chapters 11 through 24, we see David facing trials and tribulations. There are many upsets in his family, including his bad choice to commit adultery, the death of an infant son, and a coup attempt by his oldest son, who ended up being killed by David's own warriors.