

# THE BOOK OF 2 SAMUEL

A Study using 18 questions per chapter.  
The purpose of this study is to find out what the Bible says



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### INSTRUCTIONS

I can only suggest how this study was originally conducted and it was very successful. First of all, we tried to arrange a very informal atmosphere with the folks sitting in a loose circle. We would begin the session by having tea, or cokes and an informal time of fellowship. Then we would have a prayer time with everyone suggesting names of those for whom we should pray. It was also mentioned each session that we expected that each individual have at least one person for whom they would agree to pray for in regards to that person's salvation. To actually begin the study the entire chapter would be read aloud with each one willing to read, taking the number of verses and dividing it by the number of people present and each one reading a portion. Then the first one on the left (a habit of mine) would begin by reading the first question and giving their answer. The verse where their answer was found must also be given. Then the leader asks if everybody agrees. Let discussion carry on as necessary but not too long. Then go to the next question and the next person until all of the fifteen questions are answered.

For the discussion questions (numbers 16-17-18) each person present should give their answer once again going from the first one on the left and so on. Answer one question at a time, with each person present giving their reasons for their answer to each question. Discussion can be long or short depending on how the group feels. Do not carry the class session on too long.

Encourage each one to prepare his answers BEFORE the session begins if at all possible only because they will get more out of the discussion if they have thought about it.

### INTRODUCTION

This book continues the narrative of the beginning of the kingdom of Israel. It begins with Saul's death. then goes on to tell about the forty year reign of David as king. of the best known narratives are the capture of the city of Jerusalem, the affair of David with Bathsheba, and the rebellion of Absalom.

2 SAMUEL - Chapter 01  
SHORT ANSWERS

1. How did David learn of the death of Saul and Jonathan? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_
2. What did they have done to the man who brought the news and why? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_
3. What did David do to lament the death of Saul and Jonathan? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where was David's lament written? \_\_\_\_\_ . Verse \_\_\_\_\_
5. What phrase is repeated 3 times in this lament? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. \_\_\_\_\_ The young Amalekite brought proof of Saul and Jonathan's death.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ This man lied about how Saul died.
- 8.. \_\_\_\_\_ David was happy that Saul and Jonathan were dead.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ In death Saul and Jonathan were not parted.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ David loved Jonathan as a brother.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. \_\_\_\_\_ Was this Amalekite a part of Saul's army?
12. \_\_\_\_\_ Did this man get to Saul before the Philistines did?
13. \_\_\_\_\_ Did David rejoice at Saul's defeat at the hands of the Philistines?
14. \_\_\_\_\_ Did David want this lament repeated in Gath?
15. \_\_\_\_\_ Did David praise Saul in this lament?

THINK FOR YOURSELF

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2 SAMUEL - CHAPTER 02  
SHORT ANSWERS

1. How did David make the decision to go and live in Hebron? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_
2. Why were the men of Jabesh Gilead shown kindness by King David? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_
3. When the two armies met at the pool of Gibeon how did the battle start? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_
4. How was Asahel son of Zeruiah killed and by whom? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_
5. What event ended the battle between the two armies? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_

TRUE OR FALSE

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6. \_\_\_\_\_ All of Saul's sons had been killed in battle.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Abner and Joab were commanders of opposing armies.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ David had been crowned king over all Israel.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Abner did not know who was chasing him.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Nineteen of David men were killed in battle but more than 300 of Abner's men died.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. \_\_\_\_\_ Were there two kings over the nation of Israel in this chapter?
12. \_\_\_\_\_ Was Ish-Bosheth king for only two years?
13. \_\_\_\_\_ Was the army of Israel defeated that day by David's men?
14. \_\_\_\_\_ Did the blowing of a trumpet stop the battle?
15. \_\_\_\_\_ Did each army go back to its home base after the fighting stopped?

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2 SAMUEL - CHAPTER 3  
SHORT ANSWERS

1. How many sons were born to David at Hebron and what were their names? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_
2. Why did Abner decide to go over to David? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_
3. What one thing did David demand of Abner? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_
4. Why did Joab murder Abner? \_\_\_\_\_ . Verse \_\_\_\_\_
5. How did the people react to David when he mourned the death of Abner? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. \_\_\_\_\_ Abner slept with Saul's concubine.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ In this chapter David had at least 7 wives by now.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Abner knew that God had promised David the entire nation as his kingdom.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Joab was carrying out David's orders when he killed Abner.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ David put a curse on Joab and his entire family.

YES OR NO

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11. \_\_\_\_\_ Did Abner swear that he had always been loyal to his King, Saul?
12. \_\_\_\_\_ Did David pay a very strange bride price for his wife, Michal?
13. \_\_\_\_\_ Did Abner speak to the Benjamites in person?
14. \_\_\_\_\_ Did Abner come to David alone?
15. \_\_\_\_\_ Did King David know who had killed Abner?

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2 SAMUEL - CHAPTER 4  
SHORT ANSWERS

1. Who is Mephibosheth? \_\_\_\_\_ . Verse \_\_\_\_\_
2. When Recab and Baanah arrived at the house of Ish-Bosheth what did they do? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ . Verse \_\_\_\_\_
3. When they told David what they had done, how did David react? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ . Verse \_\_\_\_\_
4. How were their bodies treated? \_\_\_\_\_ , Verse \_\_\_\_\_
5. What was the trophy they brought to David and what did David do with it? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ . Verse \_\_\_\_\_

TRUE OR FALSE

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6. \_\_\_\_\_ Mephibosheth was lame from birth.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Recab and Baanah expected praise and even a reward for their deed.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ David called Ish-Bosheth a wicked man who deserved to die.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ David did to these men what he had done to the messenger in Ziklag.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ There was a reason to cut off their hands and feet.

YES OR NO

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11. \_\_\_\_\_ Were Recab and Baanah considered aliens?
12. \_\_\_\_\_ Is a rest in the heat of the day a normal thing in a hot country?
13. \_\_\_\_\_ Were these two men a part of David's army?
14. \_\_\_\_\_ Did David kill these men himself?
15. \_\_\_\_\_ Was Abner buried in Bethroth?

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2 SAMUEL - CHAPTER 05  
SHORT ANSWERS

1. Who came to David to make him king over all Israel? \_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_
2. How old was David when he became king over the entire nation? \_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_
3. How did David capture the city of Jerusalem? \_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_
4. Who was Hiram and what did he do for David? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_
5. What sign was David to wait for before attacking the Philistines in the second battle? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. \_\_\_\_\_ The city called Salem of Melchizedek's time and Jerusalem are the same city.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ The city was so well situated that they thought nobody could defeat it.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ David named the city "Jerusalem the City Of David".
9. \_\_\_\_\_ David consulted the Lord before he went into battle.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Balsam trees grow in Palestine.

YES OR NO

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11. \_\_\_\_\_ Did David and the people make a covenant with each other?
12. \_\_\_\_\_ Were the Jebusites inside the city afraid of David?
13. \_\_\_\_\_ Did David have 20 children by this time?
14. \_\_\_\_\_ Did the Lord abandon David because he has so many wives?
15. \_\_\_\_\_ Did David do battle just as the Lord told him to do?

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2 SAMUEL - CHAPTER 06  
SHORT ANSWERS

1. Where was the name of God Almighty enthroned? \_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_
2. What happened to Uzzah and why? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_
3. Why did David decide to go and get the ark from the house of Obed -Edom? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_
4. Why was Michal, David's wife upset with him? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_
5. What was the result of Michal's criticizing David in what he did? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. \_\_\_\_\_ Putting the ark of the covenant on a new cart is how it was supposed to be moved.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ David was angry with the Lord because of what happened to Uzzah.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ The second time David moved the ark, it was carried by men.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ David was naked when he danced before the ark.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ David's wife, Michal, was upset because the Lord had chosen David over her father, Saul, as ruler over Israel.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. \_\_\_\_\_ Were musical instruments used when the ark was moved?
12. \_\_\_\_\_ Did the death of Uzzah make David afraid of the Lord?
13. \_\_\_\_\_ Was the ark finally brought to Jerusalem?
14. \_\_\_\_\_ Do you think the six steps that those carrying the ark were significant?
15. \_\_\_\_\_ Did David himself offer sacrifices to the Lord?

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2 SAMUEL - CHAPTER 07  
SHORT ANSWERS

1. How did the words of Nathan the prophet change after he received a revelation from God? \_\_\_\_\_ . Verse \_\_\_\_\_
2. What was the greatest promise from God that was revealed to Nathan? \_\_\_\_\_ . Verse \_\_\_\_\_
3. Instead of David building a house for God, what was God going to do for the nation of Israel? \_\_\_\_\_ . Verse \_\_\_\_\_
4. Why did David want God to keep his promise? \_\_\_\_\_ , Verse \_\_\_\_\_
5. By what names is God addressed in this chapter? \_\_\_\_\_ . Verse \_\_\_\_\_

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. \_\_\_\_\_ David was seen by God as a perfect man in his sight.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ The Lord never asked anybody to build him a house.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ The Lord dwelt in a tent from the time the nation left Egypt until the time of David.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ David's house and his kingdom were to last forever.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ David's offspring will build a house for the name of the Lord.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. \_\_\_\_\_ Did God appoint all the rulers of Israel up until this time?
12. \_\_\_\_\_ Did the Lord promise the nation of Israel a time of peace?
13. \_\_\_\_\_ Did David in his prayer see the will of God in this promise to him?
14. \_\_\_\_\_ Was David convinced that the nation of Israel would last forever?
15. \_\_\_\_\_ Did it require courage for David to offer this prayer to God?

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2 SAMUEL - CHAPTER 08  
SHORT ANSWERS

1. How was it decided which Moabites were to die? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many soldiers of Hadadezer did David capture in battle? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_
3. What did the Arameans bring to David after he defeated them in battle? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_
4. What did David take from Hadadezer and his kingdom after he was defeated? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_
5. What, in this chapter, made David famous? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. \_\_\_\_\_ David put garrisons in the areas he won in battle to control them.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ The officers of Hadadezer carried gold shields into battle.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ David kept the plunder from his battles for himself.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ The Lord gave David victory wherever he went.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ David's sons were made royal advisers.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. \_\_\_\_\_ Did David show mercy to one third of the Moabites?
12. \_\_\_\_\_ Did David hamstring 900 horses?
13. \_\_\_\_\_ Was there a king named Tou in this chapter?
14. \_\_\_\_\_ Were there more than 67,000 men killed by David in battle in this chapter?
15. \_\_\_\_\_ Was Joab still the commander of David's army?

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2 SAMUEL - CHAPTER 09  
SHORT ANSWERS

1. Who was Ziba? \_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_
2. Who was Mephibosheth and what was wrong with him? \_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_
3. What did King David tell Mephibosheth he was going to do for him and why? \_\_\_\_\_, Verse \_\_\_\_\_
4. What was Ziba told to do for Mephibosheth? \_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_
5. Who was Mica? \_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. \_\_\_\_\_ King David sought out any descendants of Jonathan so that he might show kindness to them.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Mephibosheth considered himself as a dead dog.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Ziba had many sons and servants.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ To eat at the king's table was to be treated like a king's son.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ There was only 1 descendant of Jonathan left alive.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. \_\_\_\_\_ Was Mephibosheth staying at the home of Ziba?
12. \_\_\_\_\_ Did Mephibosheth honor David as his king?
13. \_\_\_\_\_ Did David make provision for the care of Mephibosheth?
14. \_\_\_\_\_ Was Ziba agreeable to do what King David asked of him?
15. \_\_\_\_\_ Was Mephibosheth married?

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2 SAMUEL - CHAPTER 10  
SHORT ANSWERS

1. Why did King David send a delegation to the new king of the Ammonites? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_
2. What did the Ammonites do to the men of the delegation? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_
3. When the battle lines were drawn up where were the Ammonites and where were the Arameans? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_
4. Who else rebelled and fought against Israel in this chapter? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_
5. Who made peace with Israel and became subject to them? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_

TRUE OR FALSE

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6. \_\_\_\_\_ King David's motives were misunderstood by the Ammonite nobles.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ There were 33,000 men who came to fight for the Ammonites.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Joab gave the best of his men to his brother so he could fight the Ammonites
9. \_\_\_\_\_ More than 40,000 men were killed by David's army in one battle.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ The Arameans were no longer afraid of Israel.

YES OR NO

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11. \_\_\_\_\_ Is the cutting off of only half a man's beard a good way to humiliate him?
12. \_\_\_\_\_ Was the army of Israel surrounded by the enemy in this chapter?
13. \_\_\_\_\_ Did the Ammonites stay and fight?
14. \_\_\_\_\_ Were chariots used by the Israelites in their battles?
15. \_\_\_\_\_ Was this the second time Hadadezer had been defeated? (See ch.8:3)

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2 SAMUEL - CHAPTER 11  
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What did David see from his rooftop one evening? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_
2. What sin did David commit with this woman? \_\_\_\_\_ . Verse \_\_\_\_\_
3. How did David try to cover over his sin? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_
4. What did Uriah the Hittite do when brought back to Jerusalem? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_
5. What order from King David did Joab the general of the army carry out? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_

TRUE OR FALSE

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6. \_\_\_\_\_ Bathsheba deliberately bathed so King David would see her.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Bathsheba was just a naked woman, not very attractive.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Uriah the Hittite was totally loyal to King David.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Joab expected that the account of the battle would make David angry.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ David took Bathsheba as his wife.

YES OR NO

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11. \_\_\_\_\_ Did David expect Uriah to go home when in Jerusalem?
12. \_\_\_\_\_ Did Uriah suspect that anything was wrong when he came home?
13. \_\_\_\_\_ Was a soldier killed by an UPPER millstone thrown from the wall?
14. \_\_\_\_\_ Did David send word to Joab later to encourage him in the battle?
15. \_\_\_\_\_ Was God displeased with what David had done?

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2 SAMUEL - CHAPTER 12  
SHORT ANSWERS

1. Who went to King David to confront him about his sin and why did he go? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_
2. What was God's punishment to David because of this sin? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_
3. How did David respond to this accusation? \_\_\_\_\_ . Verse \_\_\_\_\_
4. When the child became ill, what did David do? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_
5. Why did Joab send word to King David to come and take the city of Rabbah himself? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Verse \_\_\_\_\_

TRUE OR FALSE

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6. \_\_\_\_\_ It took a great deal of courage for Nathan to confront David.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Even though David had deliberately sinned God took away his sin.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ David went without any food for seven days when the child was ill.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Bathsheba bore another son named Jedidiah.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ David made slaves out of the Ammonites he defeated in battle

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. \_\_\_\_\_ Would God have given David even more if he has asked for it?
12. \_\_\_\_\_ Was utter contempt among his enemies the result of David's sin?
13. \_\_\_\_\_ Did the Lord love the second son of Bathsheba?
14. \_\_\_\_\_ Was the cities water supply a key element in the defeat of the city of Rabbah?
15. \_\_\_\_\_ Did David have his entire army out in the field at this time?

THINK FOR YOURSELF

16. What is the main theme of this chapter and why do you think so? ( Can you do one word?)
17. What is the key verse and why do you think so?
18. What did you learn?

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY: (The following questions could be used in place of or in addition to the ones in the lessons for those who are more advanced in Bible knowledge.)

1. What does this chapter teach about Jesus?
2. What does this chapter teach about God?
3. What does this chapter teach about the Holy Spirit?
4. Does this chapter contain promises to be received, commands to be obeyed or warnings to be heeded?