

# Introduction to 2 Samuel

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2 Samuel 1:1-2

Read 2 Samuel 1:1-16

## Main Idea: Don't Mess With The Lord's Anointed

### A Brief Overview of the Larger Narrative

*"25 In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes."  
(Judges 21:25)*

*"...the word of the Lord was rare in those days..." (1 Samuel 3:1)*

*"Now it came to pass after the death of Saul..." (v.1)*

### 1.) The Timing of the Report

A.) After the Death of Saul

Significant for Two Reasons:

i.) A Fulfillment of the Word of God Spoken Against Saul

**1 Samuel 15:23**, *"...Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He also has rejected you from being king."*

**1 Samuel 15:25**, *"Now therefore, please pardon my sin, and return with me, that I may worship the Lord."*

ii.) A Literary Cue

B.) "...when David had returned from the slaughter of the Amalekites..."

**Deuteronomy 23:7**, *"You shall not abhor an Edomite, for he is your brother. You shall not abhor an Egyptian, because you were an alien in his land."*

**Deuteronomy 25:17-19**, *"Remember what Amalek did to you on the way as you were coming out of Egypt, 18 how he met you on the way and attacked your rear ranks, all the stragglers at your rear, when you were tired and weary; and he did not fear God. 19 Therefore it shall be, when the Lord your God has given you rest from your enemies all around, in the land which the Lord your God is giving you to possess as an inheritance, that you will blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven. You shall not forget."*

**Numbers 31:27**, *"27 and divide the plunder into two parts, between those who took part in the war, who went out to battle, and all the congregation."*

C.) "on the third day..."

**1 Samuel 30:1**, *...David and his men came to Ziklag, on the third day...*

## **2.) The Messenger of the Report**

**-Moshe Garsiel**, *"The author of Samuel established a deliberate connection between the two stories in order to set up an analogy between the fates of Saul's house and of Eli's. . . . The comparison indicates that there is a clear rule of law which connects a leader's conduct with his fate and the fate of his house. A degenerate leader, whether it is himself who has sinned or his sons, will ultimately be deposed . . . or come to a tragic end, just as Eli and his sons die on the same day, and so do Saul and his."*