

# Interesting Facts About 2 Samuel

**MEANING:** Samuel means “The name of God.” His name is God, “Heard of God,” or “Asked of God.”

**AUTHOR:** Unknown

**TIME WRITTEN:** About 9:30 B.C., soon after David’s reign.

**POSITION IN THE BIBLE:**

- 10th Book in the Bible
- 10th Book in the Old Testament
- 5th of 12 books of History (Joshua - Esther)
- 56 Books to follow it.



**CHAPTERS:** 24

**VERSES:** 695

**WORDS:** 20,612

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### OBSERVATIONS ABOUT 2 SAMUEL:

- David is the central character in 2 Samuel. In fact, the entire book is centered around him..
- The story of David begins in 1 Samuel 16 and ends in 2 Kings 2.
- David is the halfway point between Abraham and Christ.
- David’s forty year reign consisted of:
  - 7½ years over Judah from Hebron, 1911 B.C. to 1004 B.C. 1-5:5
  - 33 years of reigning over Judah & Israel
- 2 Samuel continues the account of the life of David at the point where 1 Samuel concludes.
- Concerning David:
  - While he sometimes fails in his personal life, he is always penitent and returns to God.
  - David, unlike many of the kings that will follow him, he never allows idolatry to become a problem during his reign.

- The closing chapters of 2 Samuel summarizes David’s words and deeds.
- David’s Character is characterized by:
  - Justice
  - Wisdom
  - Integrity
  - Courage
  - Compassion
- 2 Samuel 7:12-13 - “When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. “
- 2 Samuel 22:21-22 - “The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; According to the cleanness of my hands He has recompensed me. For I have kept the ways of the LORD, And have not wickedly departed from my God.”

