



## **The book of 2 Samuel**

### ***DESCRIPTION SHEET***

#### **Author**

While it is likely that Samuel is the author or one of the authors of 1 Samuel, it is not quite clear that he is the author of the second volume, considering that he was already dead during the reign of Saul. That said, Samuel is not considered to be the author or one of the authors. In this sense, Nathan and Gad can be considered as authors.

#### **Date**

Nothing can be asserted as to when the text was written. However, the writing of the latter can be around 960 BC.

#### **The main theme and target audience**

While in the first volume David was anointed by the prophet Samuel, in this second volume the story of King David's reign over the people of Israel after the death of King Saul is told. This volume tells the historical context of David's covenant. Thus, we find national unification during the reign of David. The book can be divided into two main parts with an appendix. The first part relates his triumphs, from the conquest of Jerusalem to war victories against nations such as the Philistines and the Moabites. The second focuses on David's troubles because of his sin, which led to God's judgment against his house.

#### **Outline of the book**

1. Ascension of David as King over Israel (2 S. 1:1-5:16).
2. The triumph of King David (2 S. 5:15-8:18).
3. Troubles during David's reign (2 S. 9:1-20:26).
4. Epilogue: judgment against David; David's last words (2 S. 21:1-24:25).