**2 Samuel 12** (https://www.esv.org/2+Samuel+12/)

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**Nathan Rebukes David**

12 And

 the Lord sent Nathan to David.

 He came to him

 and

 said to him,

 “There were two men in a certain city,

 the one rich

 and

 the other poor.

2 The rich man had very many flocks

 and

 herds,

3 but

 the poor man had nothing

 but

 one little ewe lamb,

 which he had bought.

 And

 he brought it up,

 and

 it grew up with him

 and

 with his children.

 It used to eat of his morsel

 and

 drink from his cup

 and

 lie in his arms,

 and

 it was like a daughter to him.

4 Now

 there came a traveler to the rich man,

 and

 he was unwilling to take one of his own flock

 or

 herd

 to prepare for the guest

 who had come to him,

 but

 he took the poor man's lamb

 and

 prepared it for the man

 who had come to him.”

5 Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man,

 and

 he said to Nathan,

 “ As the Lord lives,

 the man

 who has done this

 deserves to die,

6 and

 he shall restore the lamb a fourfold,

 because he did this thing,

 and

 because he had no pity.”

7 Nathan said to David,

 “You are the man!

 Thus says the Lord,

 the God of Israel,

 ‘I anointed you king over Israel,

 and

 I delivered you out of the hand of Saul.

8 And

 I gave you your master's house

 and

 your master's wives into your arms

 and

 gave you the house of Israel

 and

 of Judah.

 And

 if this were too little,

 I would add to you as much more.

9 Why have you despised the word of the Lord,

 to do what is evil in his sight?

 You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword

 and

 have taken his wife

 to be your wife

 and

 have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.

10 Now therefore

 the sword shall never depart from your house,

 because you have despised me

 and

 have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite

 to be your wife.’

11 Thus says the Lord,

 ‘Behold,

 I will raise up evil against you

 out of your own house.

 And

 I will take your wives before your eyes

 and

 give them to your neighbor,

 and

 he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun.

12 For you did it secretly,

 but

 I will do this thing before all Israel

 and

 before the sun.’”

13 David said to Nathan,

 “I have sinned against the Lord.”

 And

 Nathan said to David,

 “The Lord also has put away your sin;

 you shall not die.

14 Nevertheless,

 because by this deed you have utterly scorned the Lord,

 the child

 who is born to you

 shall die.”

15 Then Nathan went to his house.

**David's Child Dies**

 And

 the Lord afflicted the child

 that Uriah's wife bore to David,

 and

 he became sick.

16 David therefore sought God on behalf of the child.

 And

 David fasted

 and

 went in

 and

 lay all night on the ground.

17 And

 the elders of his house stood beside him,

(NIV: The elders of his household stood beside him

中文和合本: 他家中的老臣來到他旁邊，

Direct translation from Hebrew Bible: 他家中的老臣來到他身邊, (https://bkbible.fhl.net/NUI/#/bible/2Sa/12/17))

 to raise him from the ground,

 but

 he would not,

 nor did he eat food with them.

18 On the seventh day

 the child died.

 And

 the servants of David were afraid to tell him

 that the child was dead,

 for they said,

 “Behold,

 while the child was yet alive,

 we spoke to him,

 and

 he did not listen to us.

 How then can we say to him the child is dead?

 He may do himself some harm.”

19 But

 when David saw

 that his servants were whispering together,

 David understood

 that the child was dead.

 And

 David said to his servants,

 “Is the child dead?”

 They said,

 “He is dead.”

20 Then David arose from the earth

 and

 washed

 and

 anointed himself

 and

 changed his clothes.

 And

 he went into the house of the Lord

 and

 worshiped.

 He then went to his own house.

 And

 when he asked,

 they set food before him,

 and

 he ate.

21 Then his servants said to him,

 “What is this thing

 that you have done?

 You fasted

 and

 wept for the child

 while he was alive;

 but

 when the child died,

 you arose

 and

 ate food.”

22 He said,

 “ While the child was still alive,

 I fasted

 and

 wept,

 for I said,

 ‘Who knows

 whether the Lord will be gracious to me,

 that the child may live?’

23 But

 now

 he is dead.

 Why should I fast?

 Can I bring him back again?

 I shall go to him,

 but

 he will not return to me.”

**Solomon's Birth**

24 Then David comforted his wife, Bathsheba,

 and

 went in to her

 and

 lay with her,

 and

 she bore a son,

 and

 he called his name Solomon.

 And

 the Lord loved him

25 and

 sent a message by Nathan the prophet.

 So he called his name Jedidiah (Jedidiah means loved of the Lord.),

 because of the Lord.

**Rabbah Is Captured**

26 Now

 Joab fought against Rabbah of the Ammonites

 and

 took the royal city.

27 And

 Joab sent messengers to David

 and

 said,

 “I have fought against Rabbah;

 moreover,

 I have taken the city of waters.

28 Now then

 gather the rest of the people together

 and

 encamp against the city

 and

 take it,

 lest I take the city

 and

 it be called by my name.”

29 So David gathered all the people together

 and

 went to Rabbah

 and

 fought against it

 and

 took it.

30 And

 he took the crown of their king from his head.

 The weight of it was a talent of gold,

 and

 in it was a precious stone,

 and

 it was placed on David's head.

 And

 he brought out the spoil of the city,

 a very great amount.

31 And

 he brought out the people

 who were in it

 and

 set them to labor with saws

 and

 iron picks

 and

 iron axes

 and

 made them toil at the brick kilns.

 And thus

 he did to all the cities of the Ammonites.

 Then David

 and

 all the people returned to Jerusalem.