**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.