

## 2 Samuel 12

### Chapter 12

<sup>1</sup> **A**ND the LORD sent Nathan unto David. And he came unto him, and said unto him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor.

<sup>2</sup> The rich *man* had exceeding many flocks and herds:

<sup>3</sup> But the poor *man* had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter.

<sup>4</sup> And there came a traveller unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him; but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him.

<sup>5</sup> And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, *As* the LORD liveth, the man that hath done this *thing* shall surely die:

<sup>6</sup> And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.

<sup>7</sup> ¶ And Nathan said to David, Thou *art* the man. Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul;

<sup>8</sup> And I gave thee thy master's house, and thy master's wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah; and if *that had been* too little, I would moreover have given unto thee such and such things.

<sup>9</sup> Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his sight? thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife *to be* thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon.

<sup>10</sup> Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife.

<sup>11</sup> Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give *them* unto thy neighbour, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun.

<sup>12</sup> For thou didst *it* secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.

<sup>13</sup> And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die.

<sup>14</sup> Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also *that is* born unto thee shall surely die.

<sup>15</sup> ¶ And Nathan departed unto his house. And the LORD

struck the child that Uriah's wife bare unto David, and it was very sick.

<sup>16</sup> David therefore besought God for the child; and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth.

<sup>17</sup> And the elders of his house arose, *and went* to him, to raise him up from the earth: but he would not, neither did he eat bread with them.

<sup>18</sup> And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead: for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spake unto him, and he would not hearken unto our voice: how will he then vex himself, if we tell him that the child is dead?

<sup>19</sup> But when David saw that his servants whispered, David perceived that the child was dead: therefore David said unto his servants, Is the child dead? And they said, He is dead.

<sup>20</sup> Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed *himself*, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the LORD, and worshipped: then he came to his own house; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat.

<sup>21</sup> Then said his servants unto him, What thing *is* this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and weep for the child, *while it was* alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread.

<sup>22</sup> And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell *whether* GOD will be gracious to me, that the child may live?

<sup>23</sup> But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

<sup>24</sup> ¶ And David comforted Bath-sheba his wife, and went in unto her, and lay with her: and she bare a son, and he called his name Solomon: and the LORD loved him.

<sup>25</sup> And he sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet; and he called his name Jedidiah, because of the LORD.

<sup>26</sup> And Joab fought against Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and took the royal city.

<sup>27</sup> And Joab sent messengers to David, and said, I have fought against Rabbah, and have taken the city of waters.

<sup>28</sup> Now therefore gather the rest of the people together, and encamp against the city, and take it: lest I take the city, and it be called after my name.

<sup>29</sup> And David gathered all the people together, and went to Rabbah, and fought against it, and took it.

<sup>30</sup> And he took their king's crown from off his head, the weight whereof *was* a talent of gold with the precious stones: and it was *set* on David's head. And he brought forth the spoil of the city in great abundance.

<sup>31</sup> And he brought forth the people that *were* therein, and

put *them* under saws, and under harrows of iron, and under axes of iron, and made them pass through the brickkiln: and thus did he unto all the cities of the children of Ammon. So David and all the people returned unto Jerusalem.