

## 2 Samuel 11-12 links to the fall of Saul in 1 Samuel 15 (Kalimi [2016 42-43])

1. **David's transgressions** (adultery and murder, 11:2-27a)

2. **Nathan's prophetic** (11:27b-12:10)

3. **Divine punishment** 14-15)

4. **David's reaction, in three steps:**

(a) Immediate confession: ... ("I have sinned against the Lord," 12:13)

(b) An attempt to cancel the instantaneous punishment, that is, the child's illness (12:16-23)

(c) The death of the child and the successful restart with Bathsheba (12:24-25)

1. **Saul's transgression** (violation of God's order, 15:8-9)

2. **Samuel's prophetic** (15:16-19, 22-23a)

3. **Divine punishment** (15:23b, 26-29)

4. **Saul's reaction, in three steps:**

(a) Attempt to cover up his sin (15:13-15, 20-21)

(b) Confession: ... ("I have sinned, for I have transgressed the command of the Lord and your words"? 15: 30a, cf. 24-25)

(c) Saul's attempt to launch anew start (15:30b-33), which fails (15:34-35)

**"In addition, both stories**—the story of Saul and the Amalekites and that of David and Bathsheba—**start with a historical exposition** (1 Sam 15:1-3; 2 Sam 10:1-19; [11:1]31-12:26-31). Both stories **recount that the Israelite kings defeated the enemies and took booty from them**" (43)