

2 Samuel 12 keywords

...and **YHWH** 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. The rich **man** had very many flocks and herds; but the poor **man** had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich **man**, and he was loath **to take** one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but **he took** the poor **man's** lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." Then **David's** anger was greatly kindled against the **man**. He said to **Nathan**, "As **YHWH** lives, the **man** who has done this is a son of death; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

Nathan said to **David**, "You are the **man**! Thus says **YHWH**, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul;

I gave you your master's **house**, and your master's **women** into your bosom, and gave you the **house** of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of **YHWH**, to do what is evil in his eyes? You have struck down **Uriah the Hittite** with the sword, and **have taken** his **woman** to be **your woman**, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.

Now therefore the sword shall never depart from **your house**, for you have despised me, and **have taken** the **woman** of **Uriah the Hittite** to be **your woman**. Thus says **YHWH**: I will raise up evil against you from within **your own house**; and **I will take your women** before your eyes, and give them to **your** neighbor, and he shall lie with **your women** in the eyes of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun."

David said to **Nathan**, "I have sinned against **YHWH**." **Nathan** said to **David**, "Now **YHWH** has put away your sin; you shall not die. Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned **YHWH**, the **child** that is born to you shall die." Then **Nathan** went to his **house**.

YHWH struck the **child** that **Uriah's woman** bore to **David**, and it became very ill. **David** therefore pleaded with God for the boy; **David** fasted, and went in and lay all night on the ground.

The elders of his **house** stood beside him, urging him to rise from the ground; but he would not, **nor did he eat food** with them. 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, "While the **child** was still alive, we spoke to him, and he did not listen to us; how then can we tell him the **child** is **dead**? He may do some evil."

But when **David** saw that his **servants** were whispering together, he perceived that the **child** was **dead**;

and **David** said to his **servants**, "Is the **child dead**?" They said, "He is **dead**." Then **David** rose from the ground, washed, anointed himself, and changed his clothes.

He went into the **house** of **YHWH**, and worshiped; he then went to his own **house**; and when he asked, **they set food before him and he ate**. Then his **servants** said to him, "What is this thing that you have done? **You fasted** and wept for the **child** while it was alive; but when the **child** died, **you rose and ate food**." He said, "While the **child** was still alive, **I fasted** and wept; for I said, 'Who knows? **YHWH** may be gracious to me, and the **child** may live.' 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."

Then **David** consoled his **woman** Bathsheba, and went to her, and lay with her; and she bore a son, and he named him Solomon. **YHWH** loved him, and sent a message by the prophet **Nathan**; so he named him Jedidiah, because of **YHWH**.

*Now Joab fought against Rabbah of the Ammonites, and **captured** the royal city. Joab sent messengers to **David**, and said, "I have fought against Rabbah; moreover, I have **captured** the water city. Now, then, gather the rest of the people together, and encamp against the city, and **capture** it; or **I myself will capture** the city, and it will be called by my name." So **David** gathered all the people together and went to Rabbah, and fought against it and **captured** it. **He took** the crown of Milcom 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. He also brought forth the spoil of the city, a very great amount. He brought out the people who were in it, and set them to work with saws and iron picks and iron axes, or sent them to the brickworks. Thus he did to all the cities of the Ammonites. Then **David** and all the people returned to Jerusalem.*