

2 Samuel 12.1-4

and YHWH sent Nathan to David. **He came to** him, and said to him, "There were two **men** in **one** city, **one rich** [*`ashir*, only this scene and 2 Sam 17.25 in DH] and **one poor** [*ra'sh*, only 1 Sam 18.23 in DH].

The **rich** one had a great increase [*harebbeh me'od*, a play on "Rabbah"] of **flocks and herds**;

but the **poor** one had nothing but one little **ewe lamb** [*kivesah*, only this scene in DH], which he had bought. It lived and became great with him and with his children; it used to eat of his morsels [*path*, only here and 1 Sam 2.36 in DH], and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. [*kos*, only here and 1 Kings 7.26 in DH]

Now there **came** a **traveler** [*helekh*, only here in MT] to the **rich man**, and he had compassion/pity [*chml*, *again v. 6*] **to take** of his own **flock or herd** to **make** for the **wayfarer** [*'rh*, only Judges 19.17 elsewhere in DH] **who had come to him**, but **he took** the **poor man's ewe lamb**, and **made** that for the **man who had come to him."**