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(27) And when the mourning was past, David sent and fetched her to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.

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(3) 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.

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(25) Then David said to the messenger, This is what you shall say to Joab, Do not let this thing displease you, because the sword devours one as well as another: make your battle stronger against the city, and overthrow it: and you encourage him.

(26) And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband.

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(4) 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.

(5) 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:

(6) And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.

(7) 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;

(8) 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.

(9) 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.

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(7) And Nathan said to David, You *are* the man. This is what the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel says, 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 bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if *that had been* too little, I would have given even more such and such things to you.

(9) Why have you despised the commandment of the LORD {Jehovah}, to do evil in His sight? you have killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife *to be* your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the children of Ammon.

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(10) 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.
(11) 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.
(12) For thou didst *it* secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.
(13) 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.
(14) 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.
(15) And Nathan departed unto his house. And the LORD struck the child that Uriah's wife bare unto David, and it was very sick.
(16) David therefore besought God for the child; and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth.

(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) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, Indeed, 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) Because you did *it* secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.
(13) And David said to Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD {Jehovah}. And Nathan said to David, The LORD {Jehovah} also has put away your sin; you shall not die.
(14) However, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD {Jehovah} to blaspheme {curse the Lord}^a, the child also *who is* born to you shall surely die.
(15) And Nathan departed to his house. And the LORD {Jehovah} struck the child that Uriah's wife bore to David, and it was very sick.
(16) David therefore pleaded with God for the child; and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth.

12:14a – blasphemy – see Lev. 24:11, 16

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(17) 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.

(18) 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?

(19) 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.

(20) 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.

(21) 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.

(22) 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?

(17) 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.

(18) And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died. And the servants of David were afraid to tell him that the child was dead: because they said, Indeed, while the child was yet alive, we spoke to him, and he would not listen to our voice: how will he then torment himself, if we tell him that the child is dead?

(19) But when David saw that his servants whispered, David perceived that the child was dead: therefore David asked his servants, Is the child dead? And they said, He is dead.

(20) Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed *himself*, and changed his clothes, and came into the house of the LORD {Jehovah}, and worshiped: then he came to his own house; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he ate.

(21) Then his servants said to him, What thing *is* this that you have done? You fasted and wept for the child, *while it was* alive; but when the child was dead, you arose and ate bread.

(22) And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: because I said, Who can tell *whether* GOD {Jehovah} will be gracious to me, that the child may live?

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(23) 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.
(24) And David comforted Bathsheba 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.
(25) And he sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet; and he called his name Jedidiah, because of the LORD.
(26) And Joab fought against Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and took the royal city.
(27) And Joab sent messengers to David, and said, I have fought against Rabbah, and have taken the city of waters.
(28) 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.
(29) And David gathered all the people together, and went to Rabbah, and fought against it, and took it.
(30) 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.

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(24) And David comforted Bathsheba his wife, and went in to her, and lay with her: and she bore a son, and he called his name Solomon {peaceful}^c: and the LORD {Jehovah} loved him.
(25) And he sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet; and he called his {Solomon's} name Jedidiah {beloved of Jehovah}^d, because of the LORD {Jehovah}.
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(30) And he took their king's crown from off his head, its weight *was* a talent {about 75.6 lbs; 34.3 kg.}^e 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.

12:23b - the child dies, and goes to heaven - David knows this is where the child is and one day he will see the child again. David's sin does not rest upon the child. The child is not guilty of any sin. Had the child lived, sooner or later he would be known as a bastard child, i.e. illegitimate and would not only be unable to carry on the throne of David, but would probably be an outcast all of his life.

12:24c - Solomon {שלמה} - peaceful

12:25d - Jedidiah {ידידיה} - beloved of JAH {JAH is short for Jehovah} - another name of Solomon

12:30e - talent - about 75.6 lbs; 34.3 kilograms

- See [Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures](#)