

Chapter 12

The Lord sent the prophet Nathan to David.

Nathan said:

"Why did you do what is displeasing to the Lord?"

David replied: "I have sinned against the Lord."

Nathan said: "The Lord forgives you,
but because of your sin, the child will die."

After the child died, Bathsheba conceived another son
by David, whom she named Solomon.

The Lord specially blessed Solomon.

"Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence"
(David's prayer in Psalm 51)

Chapter 13

David had many wives and concubines.

One of his sons, Amnon, fell in love with his step-sister
Tamar and raped her.

King David was very angry about this
but did not punish Amnon, since he loved him.
Amnon was his first-born son.

But another son, Absalom, Tamar's full brother,
hated Amnon and killed him.

Absalom fled for three years to another land.
All that time the king mourned for Amnon.

Dear Lord, please spare my family
from conflict and strife