

# A Bible Study Through the Book of 2nd Samuel

**LESSON 4: DAVID CONTINUES HIS  
CONQUESTS/DAVID'S GRAVE SIN  
2<sup>ND</sup> SAMUEL CHAPTERS 10-12 [\*]**

# The Book of 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel

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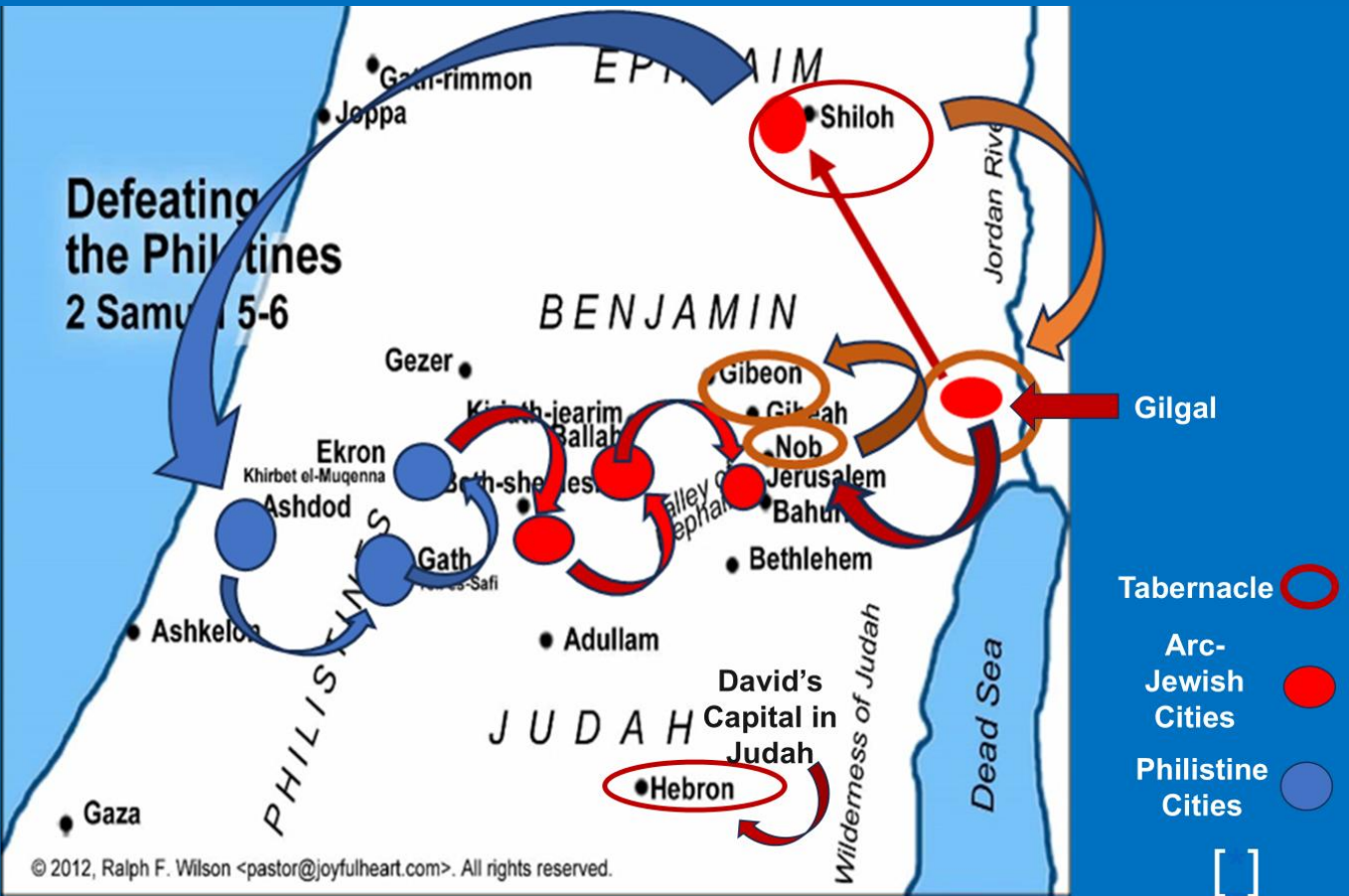
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2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 7:1 [ ]

1406 BC-Joshua enters Promised Land  
Circa 1000 BC the land is at rest



1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles 21:28-29 [ ]

Israel separated from arc about 90 years

# CHAPTER 10: DAVID DEFEATS AMMON

## Vs. 1-19: David's Revenge Against the Ammonites

- Apparently, David had a prior cordial relationship with the king of Ammon.
- The Ammonites might have established a friendly relationship with David since both had hostile relations with King Saul.



About 40 miles

Ammon

Rabbah-the capital of the Ammonites

Ammonites were descendants of Lot's 2<sup>nd</sup> son

Moabites

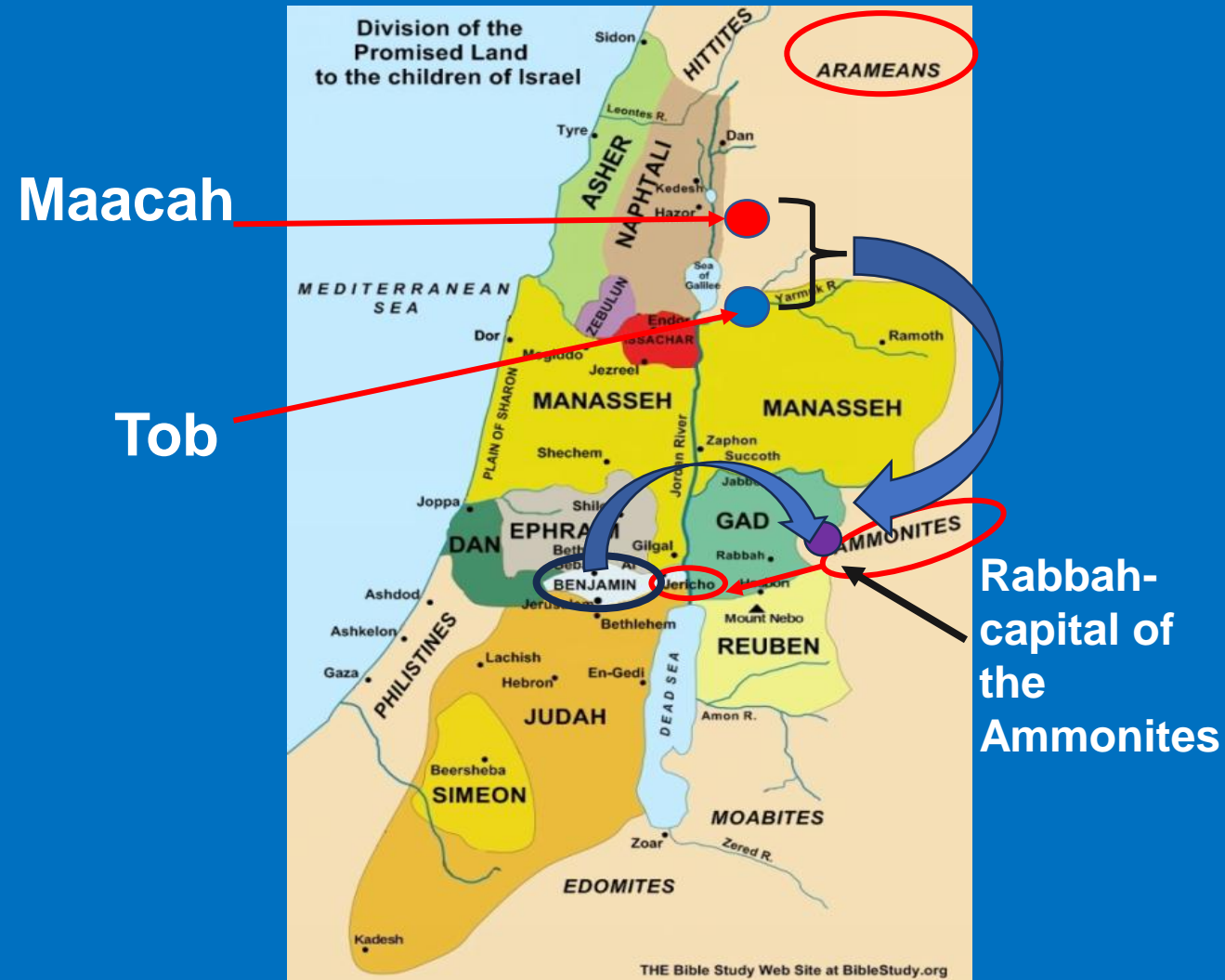
- Hanun became king of Ammon after his father died. To show respect for Hanun's father, David sent an envoy to give condolences.
- Hanun's princes convinced him that David's envoy did not pursue peace but wanted to spy out the land. (Proverbs 11:14; 14:12) [ ]



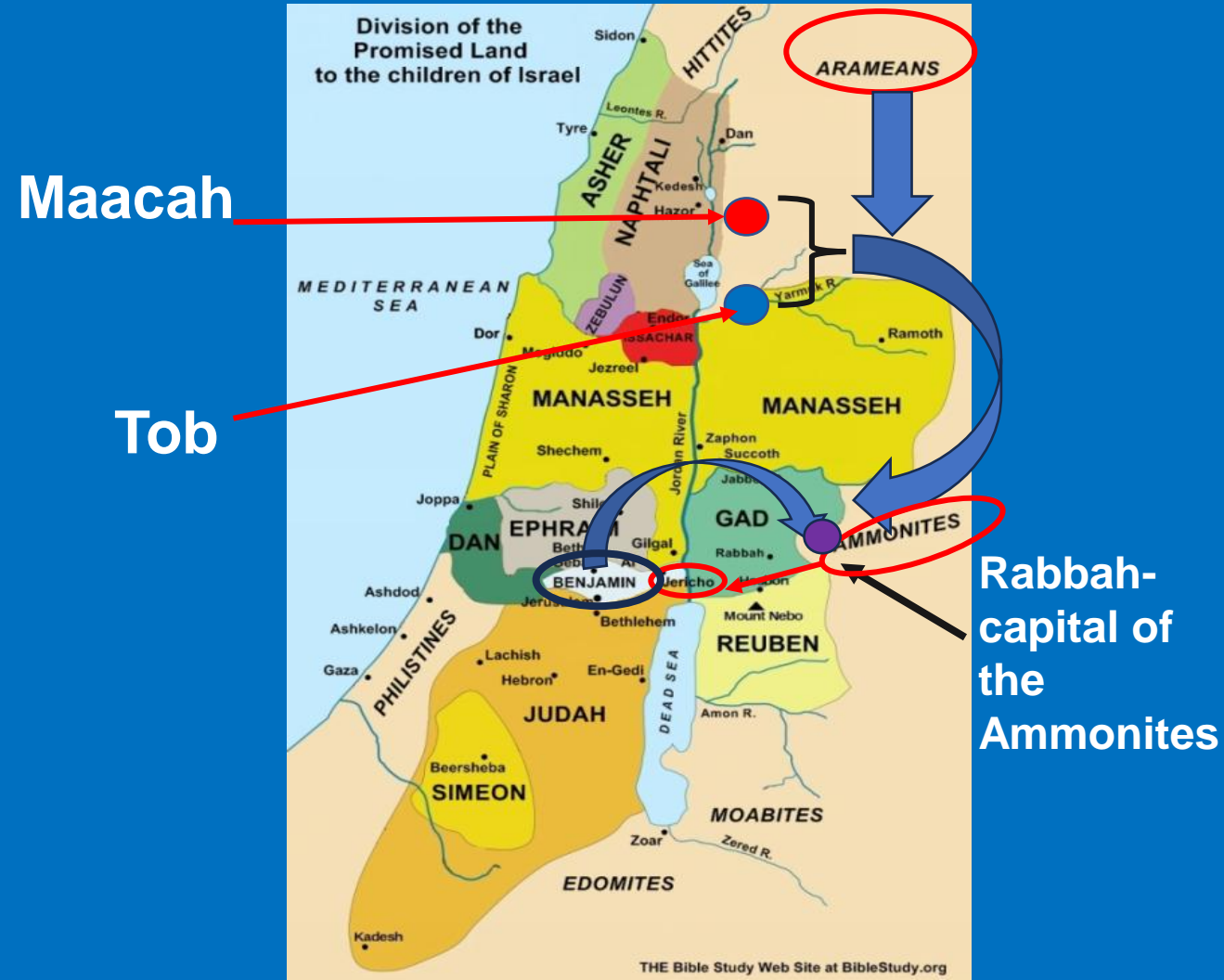
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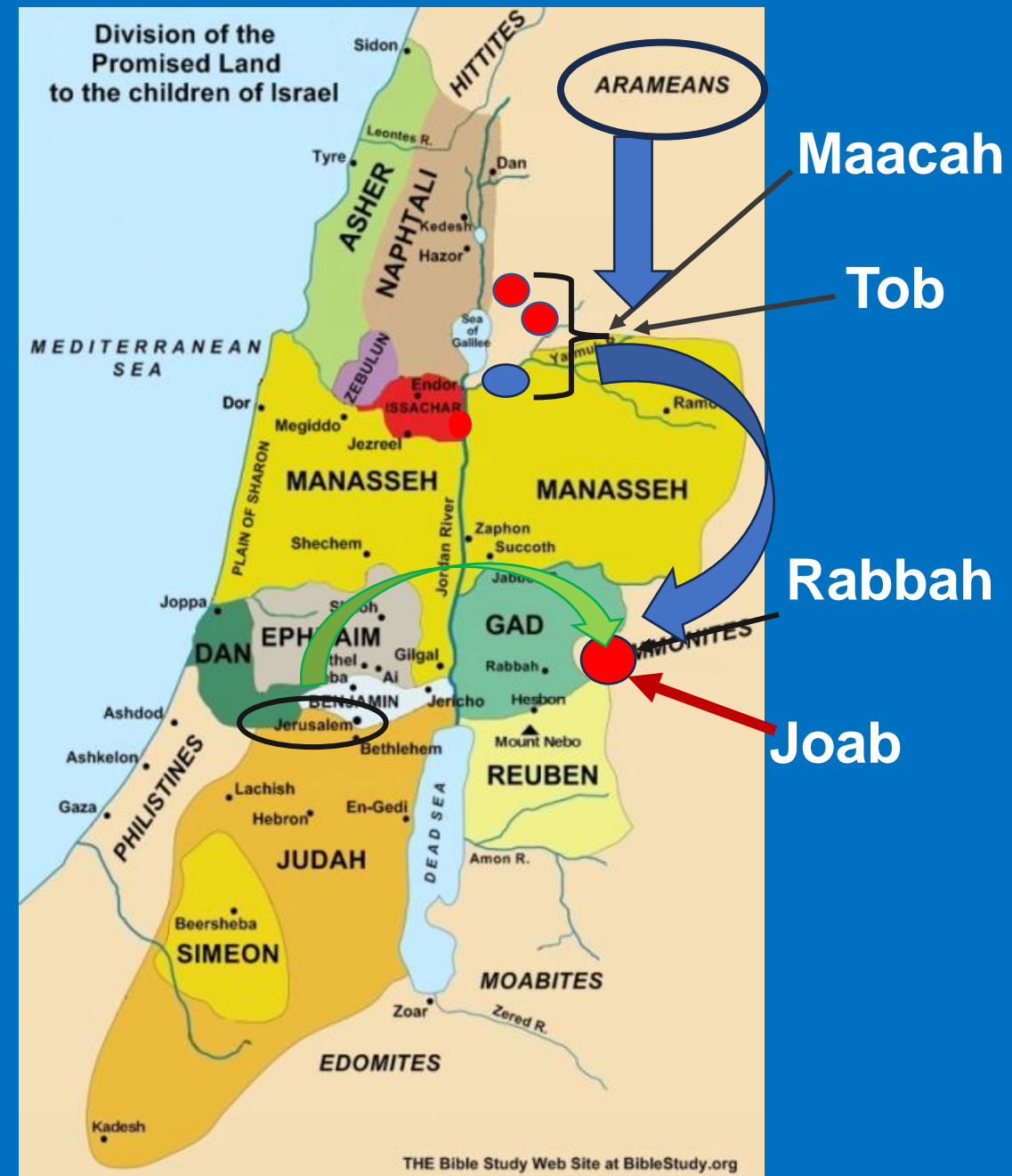
- Hanun disrespected David's men by shaving off half their beards and cutting off half their clothes.
- David had the men stay in Jericho to hide their shame until their beards grew.



- To prepare against David's anger, Hanun hired 20,000 Aramean foot soldiers, 1,000 men from Maacah (Hebrew pronunciation- [ma'-haw] region north of Galilee), and 12,000 men from Tob (a city east of the Jordan River). This equaled 33,000 men.

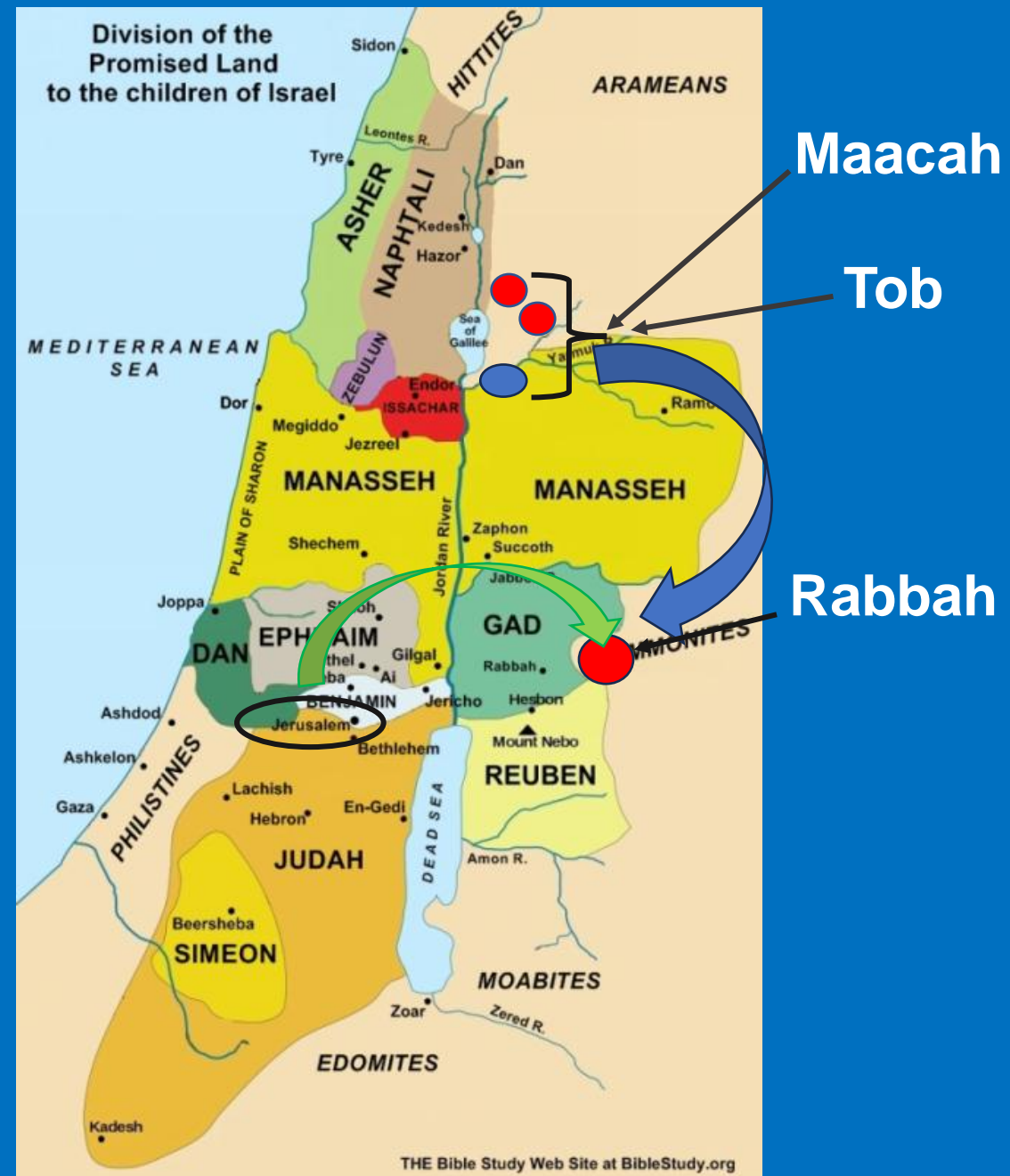


- When David heard of Hanun's plot, he sent Joab out to fight.
- The Ammonites drew up in battle array at the entrance of Rabbah while the Arameans stayed out in the field. This battle strategy put Joab in the middle of both forces.





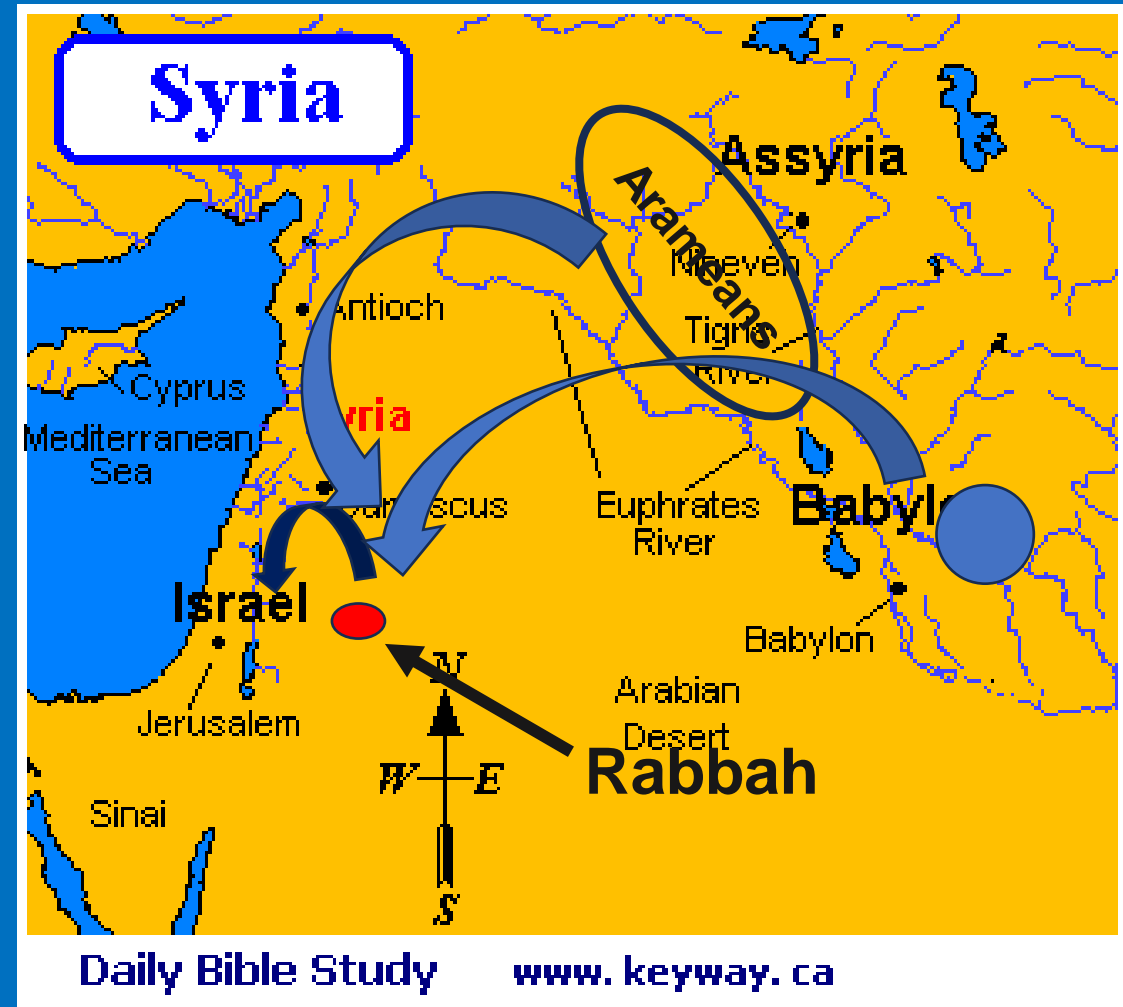
- Joab selected some of his choice men and put them against the Arameans while the rest he placed in the hand of his brother, Abishai, to fight against the Ammonites.



- The Arameans fled from Joab. When the Ammonites saw the Arameans fleeing, they ran back into the city of Rabbah.
- Joab and his men returned to Jerusalem.



- After the Aramean defeat, Hadadezer [had-a-dee'-zer] (from the Aramean kingdom north of Damascus), brought more Arameans from beyond the Euphrates River.





- When David heard of this second campaign, he gathered the Israelites and crossed the Jordan to meet the Arameans.
- The Arameans fled once again. David killed 700 charioteers and 40,000 horsemen. He also killed Shobach (Shaw-bach), the commander of their army.



- The Arameans, after their defeat, made peace with Israel and served them.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 10:19 transitions into a life-changing experience for David 11:1 [ ]



# CHAPTER 11: DAVID'S GRAVE SIN

## Vs. 1-13: David Commits Adultery with Bathsheba

- Apparently, David continued the battle with Ammon at Rabbah, Ammon's capital, which began the previous year (2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 10:14).
- See Picture of route to Rabbah [ ]



Rabbah

About 40  
miles  
straight



- Yearly battles usually commenced during the Spring season due to good weather and ample food supplies.



Rabbah

- David sent Joab, his mercenaries, and his army to besiege Rabbah. However, David stayed at Jerusalem. This specific phrase in vs. 1 seems to imply criticism toward David by the author (2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 11:1). [ ]



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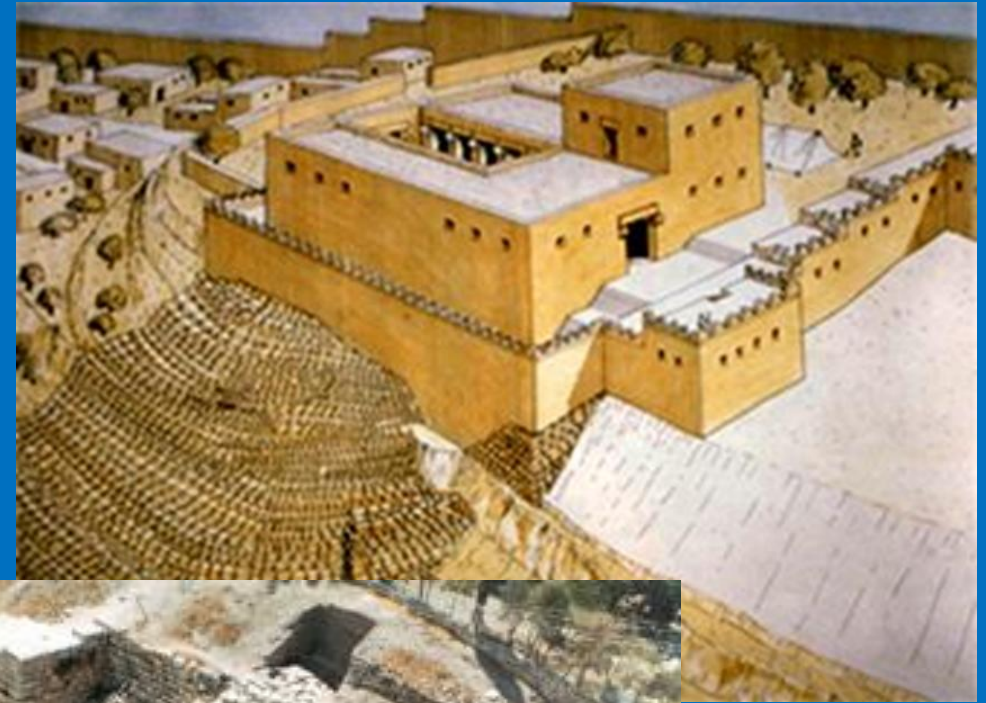
- When evening came, David-residing on the rooftop of his house, saw Bathsheba bathing. Ryrie states that oriental homes had an enclosed courtyard.
- David could have seen the interior of the courtyard from his rooftop situated on the higher elevation of Mount Zion.



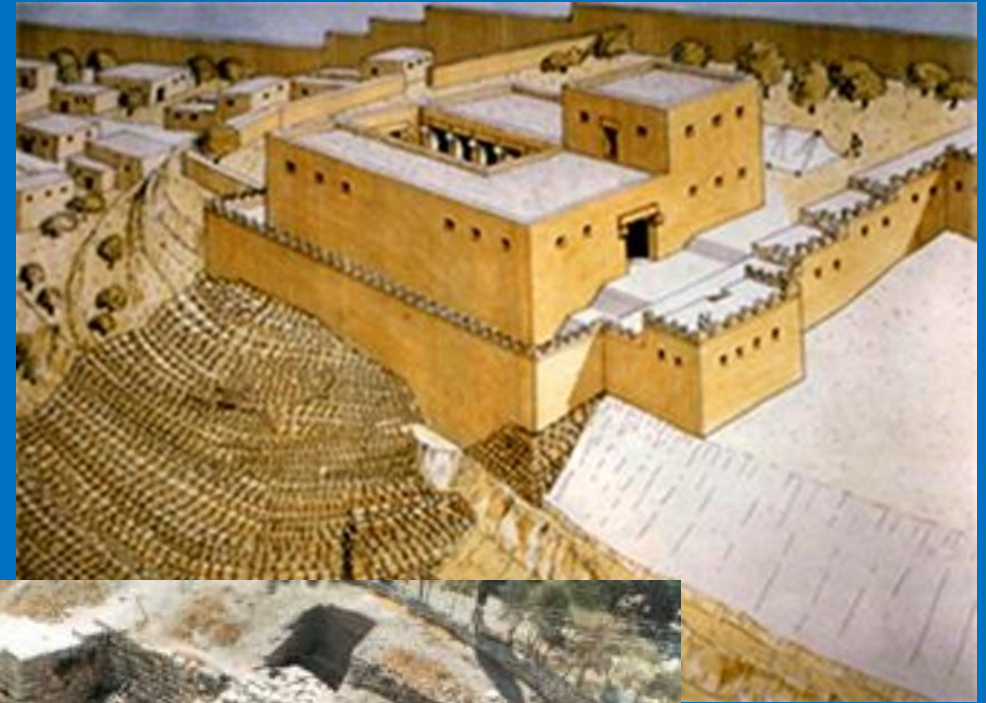
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- Three steps led to David's sin: 1) David saw Bathsheba; 2) David inquired about Bathsheba; 3) and then David acted by bringing her to him.



- EIAM [a-lie'-um], the father of Bathsheba, ranked as one of David's might men (2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 23:34). [ ]
- Ahithophel, the grandfather of Bathsheba, will eventually give his allegiance to Absalom-David's son and aggressor.
- David had sexual relations with Bathsheba therefore causing a pregnancy.





- David sent for Uriah, a Hittite (11:6), Bathsheba's husband, and one of David's might men. David had dispatched Uriah to fight against the Ammonites. [ ]
- Uriah apparently converted to Judaism since he bore a Hebrew name that meant "the Lord is my light."



Rabbah-  
Capital of  
the  
Ammonites



- David encouraged Uriah to go to Bathsheba but, instead, he slept at the door of the king's house with the servants (2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 11:7-9). [ ]



Rabbah-  
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- Uriah refused to sleep in the comforts of his home since his men fought the battle.
- David made Uriah drunk and encouraged him to go home, however, Uriah stayed with the servants *[our actions are a choice]*.



## Vs. 14-27: David Commits Murder

- The next morning, David sent Uriah back into battle with a letter telling Joab to put Uriah on the front line of the fiercest part of the battle. David ordered Joab to withdraw from Uriah so that Uriah would die [*Sin always leads to death*].





- Joab sent his army close to the wall of Rabbah [Rab-a], which killed some of David's men. This move and ultimate withdrawal caused the death of Uriah.





- When Bathsheba heard of Uriah's death, she mourned for him.
- When the time of mourning ceased, David sent messengers and brought Bathsheba to his house.
- She became David's wife and bore him a son.



- Scripture specifically states God looked upon David's act as evil. (2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 11:27). [ ]

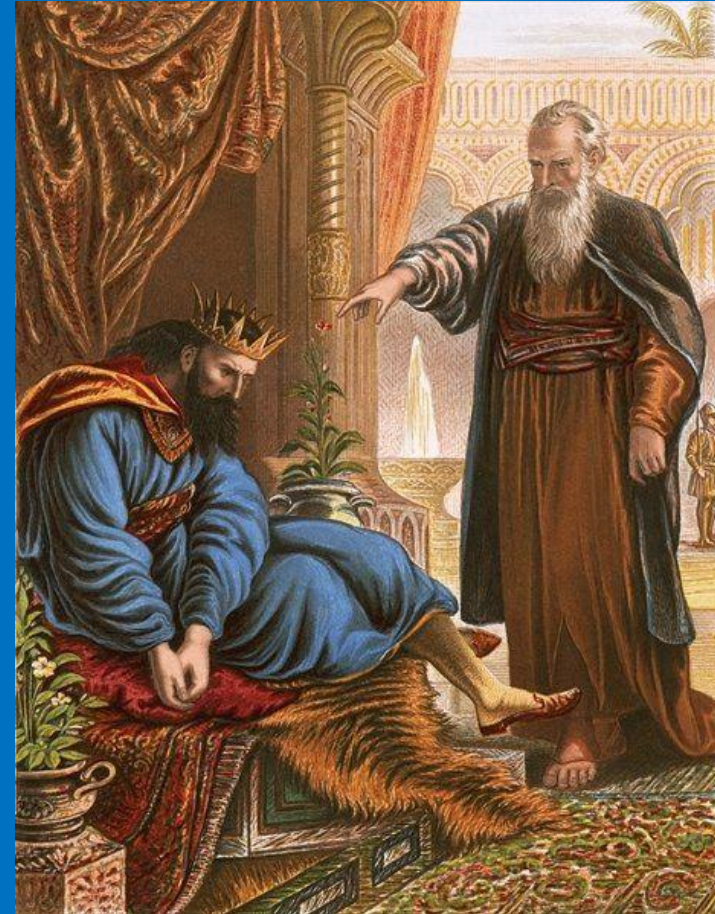




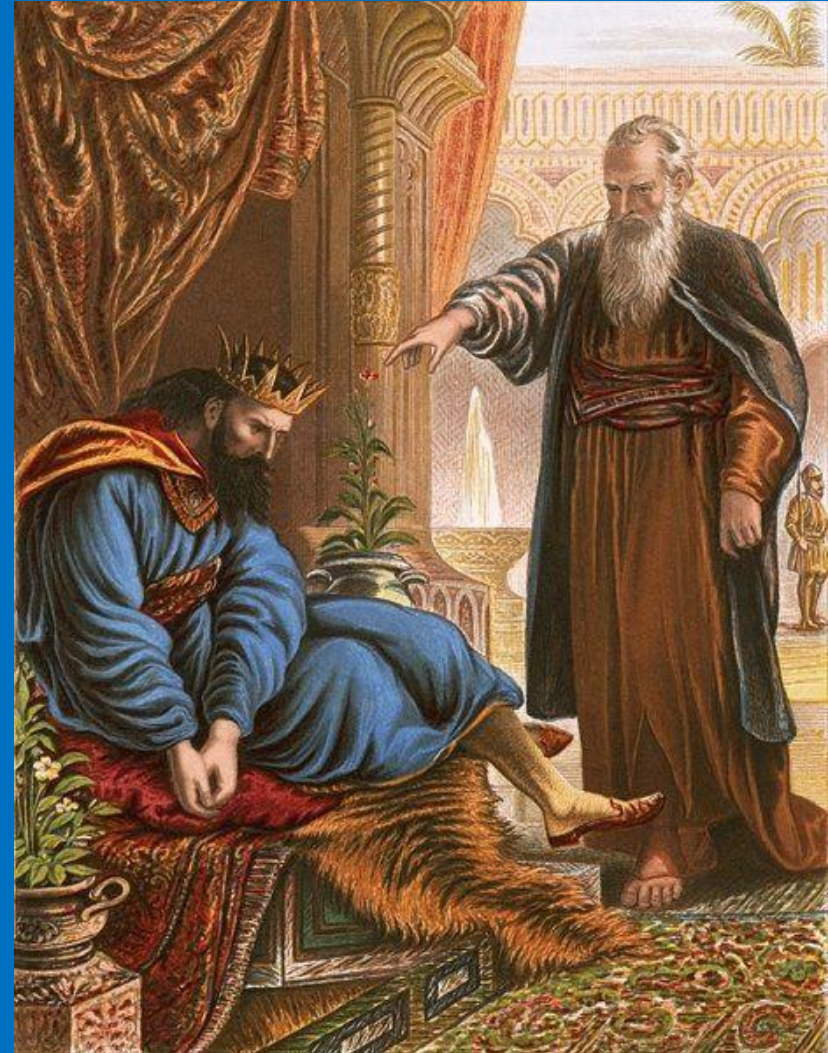
# CHAPTER 12: GOD ADMONISHES DAVID FOR HIS SIN

## Vs. 1-25: David's Child Dies

- God sent Nathan the prophet to rebuke David for his sin.
- Time had passed from when David sinned (11:27) to chapter 12:1 (Psalm 32:3-4). [ ]



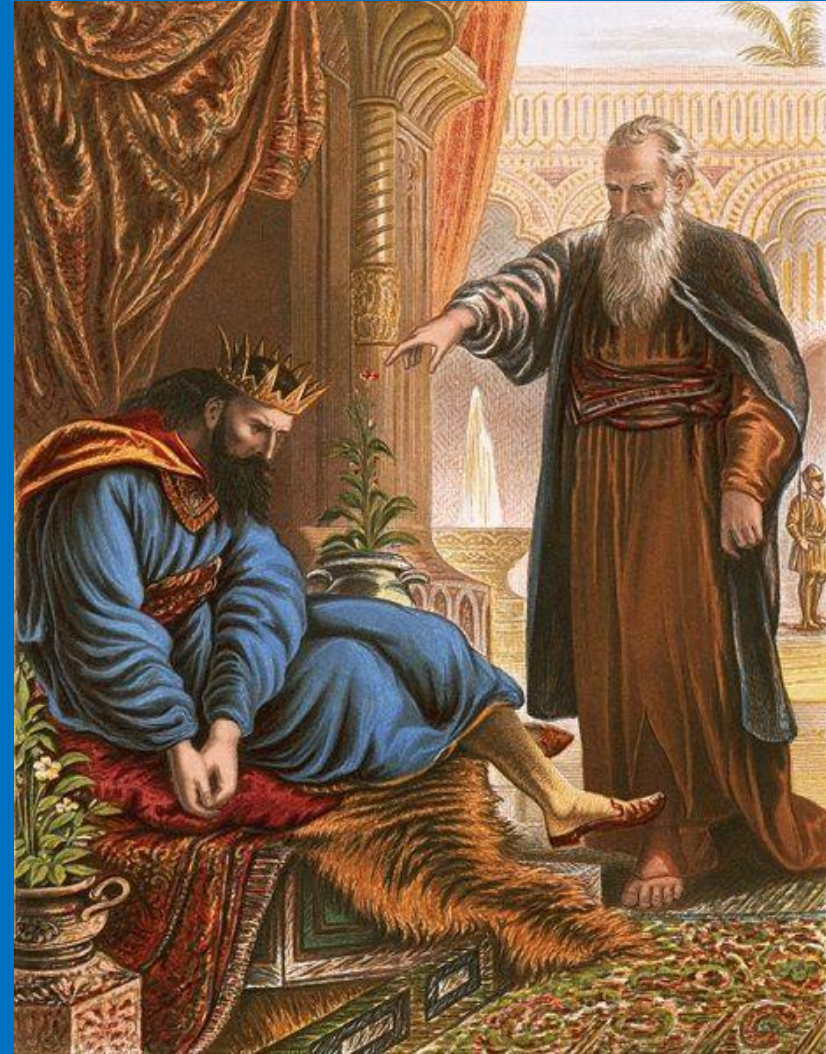
- God gave Nathan a parable in which a rich man had many flocks, and a poor man had only one lamb.
- The poor man's children loved the lamb, and the family nourished it. One day a traveler visited the rich man, and the rich man refused to prepare a meal from his own flock.



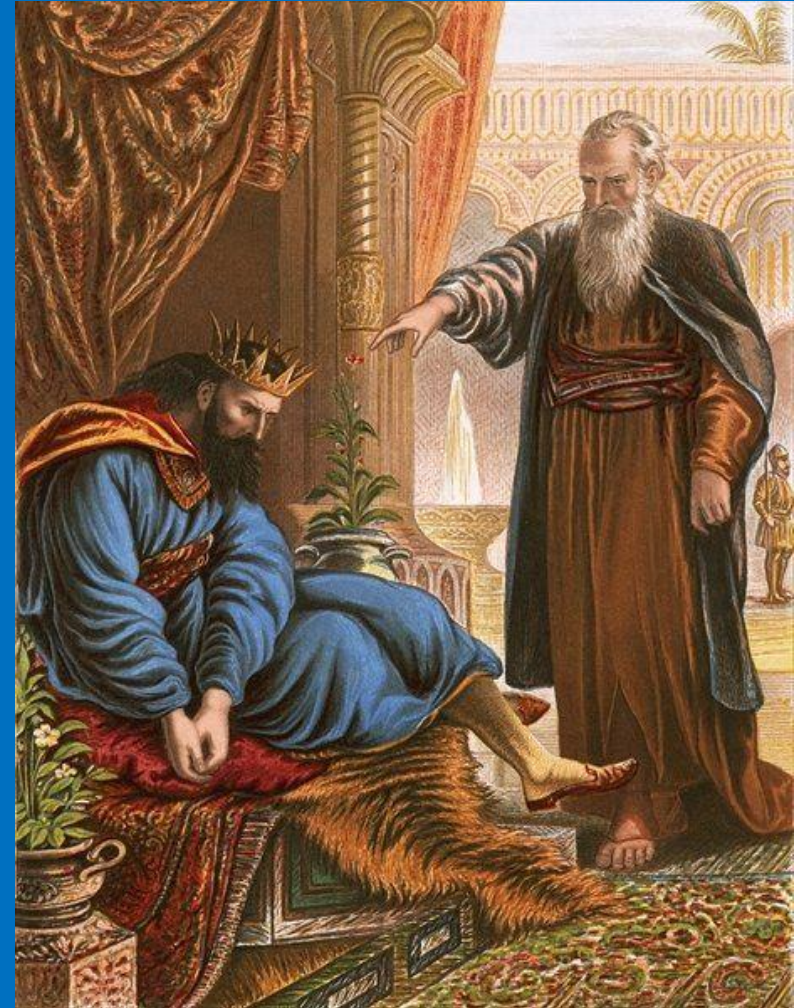
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- As a result, he killed the poor man's lamb.
- Extremely angered by this event, David said the rich man deserved to die. Nathan informed David that he played the role of the rich man.

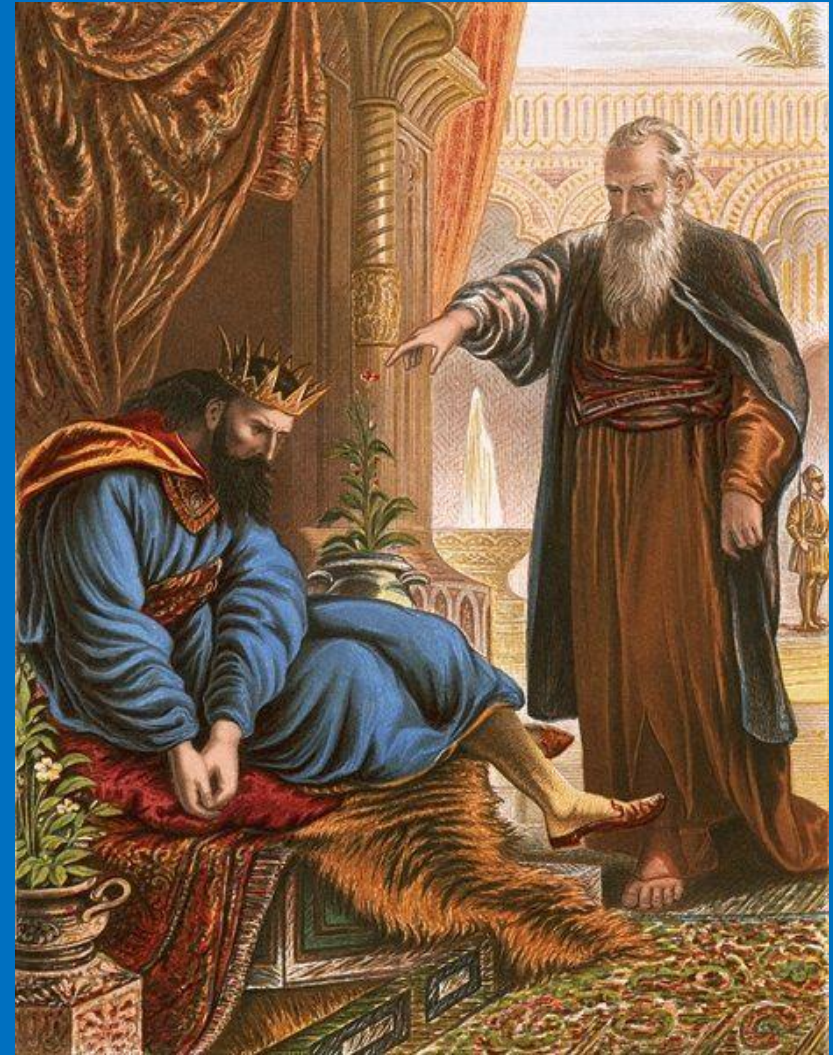


- Nathan told David that God had blessed him mightily and would have given him more for the asking.
- However, because of David's sin, God would raise evil against his household and would have his wives violated in the open.





- David said, “I have sinned against the Lord.” Nathan replied and said, “The Lord also has taken away your sin; you shall not die. (Psalm 32:1-2) [ ] However, because by this deed you gave given occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme, the child also that is born to you shall surely die” (Psalm 51:1-4, 7, 10-12, 16-17). [ ]



- As it happened, Bathsheba had a child, and it died.
- Bathsheba had another child and she named him Solomon [possible a 4<sup>th</sup> son 1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles 3:5] [ ]
- The Lord loved Solomon and named him Jedidiah which meant, “beloved of the Lord.” This name marked Solomon as successor to the throne (2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 7:12-14). [ ]





## Vs. 26-31: Joab Conquers Rabbah [Rab-a]

- Joab continued the battle against Rabbah, and he laid siege against the city.
- Joab told David to come and capture the city or else the city would be named after Joab.



- David captured the city, took the king's crown, and placed it on his head. The crown, made of gold, weighed about 75 pounds.
- Perhaps, the placing of the crown upon David's head proved more symbolic than practical (Deuteronomy 17:16-17).  
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- Israel received a tremendous amount of spoils from the city.
- Either David imposed harsh labor on the Ammonites or else David had them killed with saws depicting the cruelty by which the Ammonites treated their captors. (1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 11:2; Amos 1:13-15) [ ]





# SUMMARY

- God quickly forgives sin. Romans 3:23 states that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. This means all people have sinned and cannot enter the kingdom of God. However, the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses a repentant sinner from unrighteousness.

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- God has already forgiven a Christian who commits a sin. In other words, that sin cannot cause one to lose their salvation. Christians remain spiritually cleansed in God's sight. Unfortunately, sin can cause physical, emotional, and spiritual repercussions which can break one's desire to have a personal fellowship with God.

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- While we may have to accept the consequences of sin, it is very important that we repent of sin. Repentance means to “turn away from.” If a Christian does not repent or turn away from sin, their life will continue a downward slope. Repentance will set one on the right path. God’s mercy will give us grace to correct our behavior and will give us strength to live righteously. God will always be with us and will never leave us (Hebrews 13:5).

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Psalm 51:1-4, 7, 10-12, 16-17

1 Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; According to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity And cleanse me from my sin. 3 For I know my transgressions, And my sin is ever before me. 4 Against You, You only, I have sinned And done what is evil in Your sight, So that You are justified when You speak And blameless when You judge.

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- 7 Purify me with hyssop [*used to cleanse a lepper and his house*], and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow [*Leviticus 13:17- 17 ...and the priest shall look at him, and behold, if the infected area has turned white, then the priest shall pronounce the one who has the infection clean; he is clean..*] 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. 11 Do not cast me away from Your presence And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation And sustain me with a willing spirit. 16 For You do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it; You are not pleased with burnt offering. 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise. [ ]

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 7:12-14

12 When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men... [ ]



## Deuteronomy 17:16-17

16 Moreover, he shall not multiply horses for himself, nor shall he cause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses, since the LORD has said to you, 'You shall never again return that way.' 17 He shall not multiply wives for himself, or else his heart will turn away; nor shall he greatly increase silver and gold for himself. [ ]

## Colossians 3:5

5 Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.

## Deuteronomy 20:16-20

16 Only in the cities of these peoples that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance, you shall not leave alive anything that breathes. 17 But you shall utterly destroy them, the Hittite and the Amorite, the Canaanite and the Perizzite, the Hivite and the Jebusite, as the LORD your God has commanded you,

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18 so that they may not teach you to do according to all their detestable things which they have done for their gods, so that you would sin against the LORD your God.

19 "When you besiege a city a long time, to make war against it in order to capture it, you shall not destroy its trees by swinging an axe against them; for you may eat from them, and you shall not cut them down. For is the tree of the field a man, that it should be besieged by you?

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20 Only the trees which you know are not fruit trees you shall destroy and cut down, that you may construct siege works against the city that is making war with you until it falls. [ ]

## Psalm 32:3-4

3 When I kept silent *about my sin*, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. 4 For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my vitality was drained away as with the fever heat of summer. Selah. [ ]

## Psalm 32:1-2

1 How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered! 2 How blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit! [...whose lives are lived in complete honesty (nlt)]  
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## 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 11:1-2

1 Now Nahash the Ammonite came up and besieged Jabesh-gilead; and all the men of Jabesh said to Nahash, "Make a covenant with us and we will serve you." 2 But Nahash the Ammonite said to them, "I will make *it* with you on this condition, that I will gouge out the right eye of every one of you, thus I will make it a reproach on all Israel."

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## Amos 1:13-15 [755 BC]

13 Thus says the LORD, "For three transgressions of the sons of Ammon and for four I will not revoke its *punishment*, Because they ripped open the pregnant women of Gilead In order to enlarge their borders. 14 "So I will kindle a fire on the wall of Rabbah And it will consume her citadels Amid war cries on the day of battle, And a storm on the day of tempest. 15 "Their king will go into exile, He and his princes together," says the LORD. [ ]

2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 10:19; 11:1

19 When all the kings, servants of Hadadezer, saw that they were defeated by Israel, they made peace with Israel and served them. So the Arameans feared to help the sons of Ammon anymore.

11:1 Then it happened in the spring, at the time when kings go out *to battle*, that David sent Joab and his servants with him and all Israel, and they destroyed the sons of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David stayed at Jerusalem. [ ]



## Proverbs 3:11-12

11 My son, do not reject the discipline of the LORD or loathe His reproof, 12 For whom the LORD loves He reproofs, Even as a father *corrects* the son in whom he delights. [ ]

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2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 23:34

34 Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai, the son of the Maacathite  
[ma'-ha-ka-thite], Eliam the son of Ahithophel the  
Gilonite... [ ]

2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 11:6

6 Then David sent to Joab, saying, “Send me Uriah the Hittite [of Canaanite descent].” So Joab sent Uriah to David. [ ]



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 11:7-9

7 When Uriah came to him, David asked concerning the welfare of Joab and the people and the state of the war. 8 Then David said to Uriah, “Go down to your house, and wash your feet.” And Uriah went out of the king’s house, and a present from the king was sent out after him. 9 But Uriah slept at the door of the king’s house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. [ ]

## 2nd Samuel 11:27

27 When the time of mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house and she became his wife; then she bore him a son. But the thing that David had done was evil in the sight of the Lord. [ ]

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2nd Samuel 12:1

1 Then the Lord sent Nathan to David. And he came to him and said...

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 7:1

1 Now it came about, when the king lived in his house, and the Lord had given him rest on every side from all his enemies, 2 that the king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, I live in a house of cedar, but the ark of God remains within the tent.” 3Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.” [ ]

Proverbs 11:14

14 Where there is no guidance the people fall,  
But in an abundance of counselors there is victory.

Proverbs 14:12

12 There is a way which seems right to a person,  
But its end is the way of death. [ ]



<https://ferrelljenkins.blog/2010/12/02/uriah-s-trip-from-jerusalem-to-rabbah/>



1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles 3:5

5 These were the children born to him in Jerusalem:  
Shimea, Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon, four by Bath-  
shua ( Bathsheba) the daughter of Ammiel... [ ]