

¹And the LORD sent Nathan unto David. And he came unto him, and said unto him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor.²The rich man had exceeding many flocks and herds:³But 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.⁴And 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.⁵And 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: And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.⁷And 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;⁸And 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.⁹Wherefore 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.¹⁰Now therefore the sword shall never depart

¹فَأَرْسَلَ الرَّبُّ نَتَانُ إِلَى دَاوُدَ. فَجَاءَ إِلَيْهِ وَقَالَ لَهُ، كَانَ رَجُلَانِ فِي مَدِينَةٍ وَاحِدَةٍ، وَاحِدٌ مِنْهُمَا غَنِيٌّ وَالْآخَرُ فَقِيرٌ.²وَكَانَ لِلْغَنِيِّ عِثْمٌ وَبَقَرٌ كَثِيرَةٌ جِدًّا.³وَأَمَّا الْفَقِيرُ فَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ شَيْءٌ إِلَّا نَعْجَةٌ وَاحِدَةٌ صَغِيرَةٌ قَدْ أَقْنَتَاهَا وَرَبَّاهَا وَكَثِرَتْ مَعَهُ وَمَعَ بَنِيهِ جَمِيعًا. تَأْكُلُ مِنْ لُقْمَتِهِ وَتَشْرَبُ مِنْ كَاسِهِ وَتَنَامُ فِي حِضْنِهِ، وَكَأَنَّهَا لَهُ كَاتِبَةٌ.⁴فَجَاءَ صَيفٌ إِلَى الرَّجُلِ الْغَنِيِّ فَقَعَا أَنْ يَأْخُذَ مِنْ عِثْمِهِ وَمِنْ بَقَرِهِ لِيُهِئَ لِلصَّيْفِ الَّذِي جَاءَ إِلَيْهِ، فَأَخَذَ نَعْجَةَ الرَّجُلِ الْفَقِيرِ وَهَبَّهَا لِلرَّجُلِ الَّذِي جَاءَ إِلَيْهِ.⁵فَحَمِيَ عَصَبُ دَاوُدَ عَلَى الرَّجُلِ جِدًّا، وَقَالَ لِنَتَانِ، حَيُّ هُوَ الرَّبُّ إِنَّهُ يُقْتُلُ الرَّجُلَ الْقَاعِلَ ذَلِكَ،⁶وَيَرْدُ النَّعْجَةَ أَرْبَعَةَ أَضْعَافٍ لِأَنَّهُ فَعَلَ هَذَا الْأَمْرَ وَلَأَنَّهُ لَمْ يُسْفِكْ.⁷فَقَالَ نَتَانُ لِدَاوُدَ، أَنْتَ هُوَ الرَّجُلُ. هَكَذَا قَالَ الرَّبُّ إِلَهُ إِسْرَائِيلَ، أَنَا مَسَحْتُكَ مَلِكًا عَلَى إِسْرَائِيلَ وَأَنْقَذْتُكَ مِنْ يَدِ شَاوُلَ⁸وَأَعْطَيْتُكَ بَيْتَ سَيِّدِكَ وَنِسَاءَ سَيِّدِكَ فِي حِضْنِكَ، وَأَعْطَيْتُكَ بَيْتَ إِسْرَائِيلَ وَهُوَذَا. وَإِنْ كَانَ ذَلِكَ قَلِيلًا كُنْتُ أَرِيدُ لَكَ كَذَا وَكَذَا.⁹لِهَذَا اخْتَقَرْتَ كَلَامَ الرَّبِّ لِتَعْمَلَ السَّرَّ فِي عَيْنَيْهِ. قَدْ قَتَلْتَ أَوْرِيَّا الْجَنِّيَّ بِالسَّيْفِ، وَأَخَذْتَ امْرَأَتَهُ لَكَ امْرَأَةً، وَإِيَّاهُ قَتَلْتَ بِسَيْفِ بَنِي عَمُّونَ.¹⁰وَالآنَ لَا يُقَارِي السَّيْفُ بَيْتَكَ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ، لِأَنَّكَ اخْتَقَرْتَنِي وَأَخَذْتَ امْرَأَةً أَوْرِيَّا الْجَنِّيَّ لِتَكُونَ لَكَ امْرَأَةً.¹¹هَكَذَا قَالَ الرَّبُّ، هَسَدًا أَقِيمُ عَلَيْكَ السَّرَّ مِنْ بَيْتِكَ، وَأَخُذْ نِسَاءَكَ أَمَامَ عَيْنَيْكَ وَأَعْطِيهِنَّ لِقَرِيْبِكَ، فَيَصْطَلِجُ مَعَ نِسَائِكَ فِي عَيْنِ هَذِهِ السَّمْسِ.¹²لِأَنَّكَ أَنْتَ فَعَلْتَ بِالسَّرِّ وَأَنَا أَفْعَلُ هَذَا الْأَمْرَ فِدَامَ جَمِيعِ إِسْرَائِيلَ وَفِدَامَ السَّمْسِ.¹³فَقَالَ دَاوُدُ لِنَتَانِ، قَدْ أَخْطَأْتُ إِلَى الرَّبِّ. فَقَالَ نَتَانُ لِدَاوُدَ، الرَّبُّ أَيْضًا قَدْ ثَقَلَ عَنْكَ خَطِيئَتُكَ. لَا تَمُوتَ.¹⁴غَيْرَ أَنَّهُ مِنْ أَجْلِ أَنَّكَ قَدْ جَعَلْتَ بِهَذَا الْأَمْرِ أَعْدَاءَ الرَّبِّ يَسْمُتُونَ قَالَيْنِ الْمَوْلُودُ لَكَ يَمُوتُ.¹⁵وَذَهَبَ نَتَانُ إِلَى بَيْتِهِ.¹⁶فَسَأَلَ دَاوُدَ اللَّهَ مِنْ أَجْلِ الصَّبِيِّ، وَصَامَ دَاوُدُ صَوْمًا، وَدَخَلَ وَبَاتَ مُصْطَلِجًا عَلَى الْأَرْضِ.¹⁷فَقَامَ سُيُوحُ بَيْتِهِ عَلَيْهِ لِيَقِيمُوهُ عَنِ الْأَرْضِ فَلَمْ يَسْأُ، وَلَمْ يَأْكُلْ مَعَهُمْ خُبْزًا.¹⁸وَكَانَ فِي الْيَوْمِ السَّابِعِ أَنَّ الْوَلَدَ مَاتَ، فَخَافَ عِبْدُ دَاوُدَ أَنْ يُخْرِوهُ بِأَنَّ الْوَلَدَ قَدْ مَاتَ لِأَنَّهُمْ قَالُوا، هُوَذَا لَمَّا كَانَ الْوَلَدُ حَيًّا كَلَّمَاهُ فَلَمْ يَسْمَعْ لَصُوتِنَا. فَكَيْفَ تَقُولُ لَهُ قَدْ مَاتَ الْوَلَدُ. يَعْمَلُ أَشَرًا.¹⁹وَرَأَى دَاوُدَ عِبْدَهُ يَتَنَاجَوْنَ، فَقَطِنَ دَاوُدُ أَنَّ الْوَلَدَ قَدْ مَاتَ. فَقَالَ دَاوُدَ لِعَبِيدِهِ، هَلْ مَاتَ الْوَلَدُ. فَقَالُوا، مَاتَ.²⁰فَقَامَ دَاوُدُ عَنِ الْأَرْضِ

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.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

وَأَغْتَسَلَ وَادَّهَنَ وَبَدَّلَ ثِيَابَهُ وَدَخَلَ بَيْتَ الرَّبِّ وَسَجَدَ، ثُمَّ جَاءَ إِلَى بَنِيهِ وَطَلَبَ فَوَضَعُوا لَهُ خُبْزًا فَأَكَلَ.²¹ فَقَالَ لَهُ غَيْبُهُ، مَا هَذَا الْأَمْرُ الَّذِي فَعَلْتَ. لَمَّا كَانَ الْوَلَدُ حَيًّا ضُمَّتْ وَكَتَبَتْ، وَلَمَّا مَاتَ الْوَلَدُ قُتِمَتْ وَأَكَلَتْ خُبْزًا.²² فَقَالَ، لَمَّا كَانَ الْوَلَدُ حَيًّا ضُمَّتْ وَكَتَبْتُ لِأَنِّي قُلْتُ، مَنْ يَعْلَمُ. رَبُّمَا يَرْحَمُنِي الرَّبُّ وَيَحْيَا الْوَلَدُ.²³ وَالْآنَ قَدْ مَاتَ، فَلِمَ أَذَا أَصُومُ. هَلْ أَقْدِرُ أَنْ أُرِدُّهُ بَعْدُ. أَنَا ذَاهِبٌ إِلَيْهِ وَأَمَّا هُوَ فَلَا يَرْجِعُ إِلَيَّ.²⁴ وَعَزَى دَاوُدُ بِنَسِيعِ أَمْرَاتِهِ وَدَخَلَ إِلَيْهَا وَاصْطَبَجَ مَعَهَا فَوَلَدَتْ ابْنًا، قَدَعَا اسْمَهُ سُلَيْمَانَ، وَالرَّبُّ أَحَبَّهُ.²⁵ وَأَرْسَلَ بِيَدِ تَاتَانَ النَّبِيِّ وَدَعَا اسْمَهُ يَدِيدًا مِنْ أَجْلِ الرَّبِّ.²⁶ وَخَارَبَ يُوآبُ رَبَّةَ بَنِي عَمُّونَ وَأَخَذَ مَدِينَةَ الْمَمْلَكَةِ.²⁷ وَأَرْسَلَ يُوآبُ رُسُلًا إِلَى دَاوُدَ يَقُولُ، قَدْ خَارَبْتُ رَبَّةَ وَأَخَذْتُ أَيْضًا مَدِينَةَ الْمِيَاهِ.²⁸ فَلِآنَ أَجْمَعُ بَقِيَّةَ الشَّعْبِ وَأَنْزِلُ عَلَى الْمَدِينَةِ وَخُذْهَا لِنَا أَلَّا أَخَذَ أَنَا الْمَدِينَةَ فَيُدْعَى بِاسْمِي عَلَيْهَا.²⁹ فَجَمَعَ دَاوُدُ كُلَّ الشَّعْبِ وَذَهَبَ إِلَى رَبَّةَ وَخَارَبَهَا وَأَخَذَهَا.³⁰ وَأَخَذَ تَاجَ مَلِكِهِمْ عَنْ رَأْسِهِ وَوَزْنُهُ وَرَثَتُهُ مِنَ الذَّهَبِ مَعَ خَبَرِ كَرِيمٍ، وَكَانَ عَلَى رَأْسِ دَاوُدَ. وَأَخْرَجَ غَنِيمَةَ الْمَدِينَةِ كَثِيرَةً جَدًّا.³¹ وَأَخْرَجَ الشَّعْبَ الَّذِي فِيهَا وَوَضَعَهُمْ تَحْتَ مَتَاشِيرَ وَتَوَارِجِ حَدِيدٍ وَفُؤُوسِ حَدِيدٍ وَأَمَرَهُمْ فِي أَثُونِ الْأَجْرِ، وَهَكَذَا صَنَعَ بِجَمِيعِ مَدُنِ بَنِي عَمُّونَ. ثُمَّ رَجَعَ دَاوُدُ وَجَمِيعُ الشَّعْبِ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ.

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?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.³¹ And he brought forth the people that were therein, and put them under saws, and under harrows of iron, and under axes of iron, and made them pass through the brickkiln: and thus did he unto all the cities of the children of Ammon. So David and all the people returned unto Jerusalem.