

God Speaks to David Through Nathan the prophet

I. Reign of King David

1. Reigns over tribe of Judah 7 ½ yrs – 2 Sam. 1-4
2. David reigns over nation of Israel – 2 Sam. 5-10
Kingdom expands from the Nile to the Euphrates
3. Prophet Nathan introduced in that period – 2 Sam. 7
Israel is enjoying peace under David – 7:1
4. David is thinking about a house for God – 7:2
He expresses his thoughts to Prophet Nathan
5. Nathan responds in agreement – 7:3

II. God Speaks to Nathan – 7:4-17

1. God's response to David – 4-7
God is pleased with David's desire – 5
But denies David His permission – 6-7
God will continue to dwell in the tent
2. God's plan for David – 8-11
He took him from shepherd to king
He defeated all his enemies
He will make for David a great name
He will give Israel their own land
He will give them rest and peace
3. God will build David a house (family) 11-15
Your son will reign after you – 12
He (Solomon) will build me a house (Temple) – 13
I will establish his kingdom forever – 13
I will be to him a father, he shall be to me a son-14-15
When he commits iniquity I will discipline as a son
But my steadfast love will not depart from him
As I took it from Saul whom I put away before you
4. David's house & kingdom will be forever – 16
One from your family will sit on the throne forever
This promises that Messiah will be a son of David
Fulfilled, of course, in Jesus Christ
5. Nathan told David all that God said – 17

III. David's Response to God – 7:18-29

1. David in praise and thanksgiving – 18-22
He is overwhelmed in what God promised
He worships the Lord in all of His greatness
2. He rejoices in what God has done for Israel – 23-24
God is faithful to all that He has promised
3. David responds in faith for what He said - 25-29
Believing, he calls on God to do as He promised

IV. David's Sin – 1 Sam. 11

1. David sees & desires beautiful Bathsheba - 1-4
She tells David that she is pregnant – 5
David attempts to hide his sin – 6-13
David sends for Uriah, her husband
Tries to get him to go home to his wife
But he refuses while his companions are at war
David sends sealed orders to Uriah's commander- 14-15

- They are carried out & Uriah is killed
2. David is informed that Uriah is dead – 22-25
 3. After mourning, David takes her as his wife - 27
But God knew and He was displeased

V. Nathan Confronts David – 12:1-7

1. The Lord sent Nathan to David – 12:1
This implies knowledge of David's sin
2. Nathan appeals to David's sense of justice – 1-4
Confronts him with a case of obvious injustice
About a rich man who took advantage of a poor man
3. David responds in anger against this man – 5-6
His judgment is: "He deserves to die" – restore 4 fold
4. Nathan the account on David – 7
"You are the man" You are guilty **of injustice**

VI. Nathan Delivers God's Message – 12:7-12

1. God lists riches He has given David – 7-
"I anointed you king over Israel" – 7
"I delivered you out of the hand of Saul"
"I gave you your master's house" - 8
"And your master's wives into your arms"
"Gave you the house of Israel & Judah" – 8
2. God adds "I would add much more" – 8
If you thought "this was too little"
3. God charges David with his sin – 9
You despised God's Word violating His commands
You have killed Uriah with the sword
You have taken his wife to be yours
4. God delivers His sentence – 10-12
"The sword shall never depart from your house"
"I will raise up evil against you out of your own house"
"I will take your wives before your eyes & give them to your neighbor"
"He shall lie with your wives in the sight of the sun"
"You did it secretly" "I will do it before all Israel"
5. David's confession of sin – 13
"I have sinned against the Lord" – note Psa. 51:4
This is the true essence of sin – despising God's Word
6. Nathan speaks of God's forgiveness - 13-14
He has put away your sin but the child will die
Sin has consequences – you scorned the Lord

VII. David's Prayer & God's Comfort – 12:15-25

1. David fasts & prays for dying child – 15-18
He realizes his sin is causing death of this child
He asks for mercy but after 7 days the child dies
2. David's men fear to tell him – 18-19
Afraid of what he might do to himself
3. David accepts God's will & worships – 20-23
He humbles himself before the Lord
He indeed is a "man after God's own heart"
4. God comforts David & Bathsheba – 24-25
A son, Solomon is born whom God loves

