

# 2 Samuel 12:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And he sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet; and he called his name Jedidiah, because of the LORD.**

This verse contributes to the narrative of Nathan's Rebuke, emphasizing conviction, repentance, consequences. Nathan's prophetic confrontation using parable demonstrates effective rebuke methodology. David's immediate repentance ("I have sinned against the LORD") contrasts with Saul's defensive self-justification. The child's death demonstrates that forgiveness doesn't eliminate all consequences. Theological themes include God's hatred of sin, the necessity of repentance, the distinction between eternal and temporal consequences, and God's grace that continues despite devastating sin.

## Historical Context

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The historical setting of 2 Samuel 12 occurs during David's reign (circa 1010-970 BCE) over Israel's united monarchy. Archaeological discoveries, including the Tel Dan inscription mentioning the 'House of David,' corroborate biblical historicity. Ancient Near Eastern customs regarding conviction, repentance, consequences provide crucial background. The geopolitical situation involved regional powers—Philistines, Ammonites, Arameans, Moabites, Edomites—as David consolidated and expanded Israel's territory. Cultural practices concerning kingship, warfare, covenant relationships, family dynamics, and religious observance differed significantly from modern Western contexts, requiring careful attention to avoid

anachronistic interpretation while extracting timeless theological principles applicable across cultures and eras.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. How does this passage deepen your understanding of conviction, repentance, consequences?
2. What does this verse reveal about God's character, and how should that shape your worship and obedience?
3. In what specific ways can you apply this truth to your current circumstances and relationships this week?

## Interlinear Text

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וַשְׁלַח	בְּיָד	נָתָן	הַנָּבִיא	וַיִּקְרָא	אֶת	שְׁמוֹ
And he sent	by the hand	of Nathan	the prophet	and he called	H853	his name
H7971	H3027	H5416	H5030	H7121		H8034
יְדִידְיָהּ	בְּעֵבֶר	וְיָהוָה				
Jedidiah	H5668	because of the LORD				
H3041		H3068				

## Additional Cross-References

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**Nehemiah 13:26** (Parallel theme): Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? yet among many nations was there no king like him, who was beloved of

his God, and God made him king over all Israel: nevertheless even him did outlandish women cause to sin.

**2 Samuel 7:4** (References Lord): And it came to pass that night, that the word of the LORD came unto Nathan, saying,

**1 Kings 1:11** (References Lord): Wherefore Nathan spake unto Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon, saying, Hast thou not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith doth reign, and David our lord knoweth it not?

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