

# Notes used in the Message

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### II SAMUEL 11:1-27

- » **1** † ¶ And it came to pass, after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth to battle, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried still at Jerusalem.
- » **2** † And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon.
- » **3** † And David sent and enquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?
- » **4** † And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house.
- » **5** † And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, I am with child.
- » **6** † ¶ And David sent to Joab, saying, Send me Uriah the Hittite. And Joab sent Uriah to David.
- » **7** † And when Uriah was come unto him, David demanded of him how Joab did, and how the people did, and how the war prospered.
- » **8** † And David said to Uriah, Go down to thy house, and wash thy feet. And Uriah departed out of the king's house, and there followed him a mess of meat from the king.
- » **9** † But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and went not down to his house.
- » **10** † And when they had told David, saying, Uriah went not down unto his house, David said unto Uriah, Camest thou not from thy journey? why then didst thou not go down unto thine house?
- » **11** † And Uriah said unto David, The ark, and Israel, and Judah, abide in tents; and my lord Joab, and the servants of my lord, are encamped in the open fields; shall I then go into mine house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? as thou livest, and as thy soul liveth, I will not do this thing.
- » **12** † And David said to Uriah, Tarry here to day also, and to morrow I will let thee depart. So Uriah abode in Jerusalem that day, and the morrow.
- » **13** † And when David had called him, he did eat and drink before him; and he made him drunk: and at even he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but went not down to his house.
- » **14** † ¶ And it came to pass in the morning, that David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah.
- » **15** † And he wrote in the letter, saying, Set ye Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be smitten, and die.
- » **16** † And it came to pass, when Joab observed the city, that he assigned Uriah unto a place where he knew that valiant men were.
- » **17** † And the men of the city went out, and fought with Joab: and there fell some of the people of the servants of David; and Uriah the Hittite died also.
- » **18** † Then Joab sent and told David all the things concerning the war;
- » **19** † And charged the messenger, saying, When thou hast made an end of telling the matters of the war unto the king,
- » **20** † And if so be that the king's wrath arise, and he say unto thee, Wherefore approached ye so nigh unto the city when ye did fight? knew ye not that they would shoot from the wall?
- » **21** † Who smote Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth? did not a woman cast a piece of a millstone upon him from the wall, that he died in Thebez? why went ye nigh the wall? then say thou, Thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.
- » **22** † So the messenger went, and came and shewed David all that Joab had sent him for.
- » **23** † And the messenger said unto David, Surely the men prevailed against us, and came out unto us into the field, and we were upon them even unto the entering of the gate.
- » **24** † And the shooters shot from off the wall upon thy servants; and some of the king's servants be dead, and thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.
- » **25** † Then David said unto the messenger, Thus shalt thou say unto Joab, Let not this thing displease thee, for the sword devoureth one as well as another: make thy battle more strong against the city, and overthrow it: and encourage thou him.
- » **26** † And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband.

» **27** † And when the mourning was past, David sent and fetched her to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.

### **PSALM 51:1-13**

» **1** † ¶ To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba. Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

» **2** † Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

» **3** † For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

» **4** † Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.

» **5** † Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

» **6** † Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

» **7** † ¶ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

» **8** † Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

» **9** † Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

» **10** † Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

» **11** † Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

» **12** † Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

» **13** † Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

### **II SAMUEL 12:1-31**

» **1** † ¶ And 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.

» **2** † The rich man had exceeding many flocks and herds:

» **3** † But 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.

» **4** † And 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.

» **5** † And 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:

» **6** † And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.

» **7** † And 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;

» **8** † And 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.

» **9** † Wherefore 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.

» **10** † Now therefore the sword shall never depart 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 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.

« **77-1** † **EPHESIAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.3**

The very name, Ephesus, has a strange compound meaning, "Aimed at", and "Relaxed". The high aspirations of this age that had begun with the fullness of the Spirit, "the depth of God", whereby they were aiming at the high calling of God, began to give way to a less watchful attitude. A less ardent following of Jesus Christ began to manifest itself as an omen that in the future ages the physical vehicle called the church would sink to the awfulness of the "depth of Satan". It had become relaxed and was drifting. Already the age was backsliding. It had left its first love. The tiny seed planted in that Ephesian Age would one day grow in the spirit of error until all foul birds of the air would roost in its branches. So inoffensive to human reasoning would that little plant appear to that New Eve (the New Church) that again she would be deceived by Satan. The Ephesian Age had presented to her the opportunity for God's best, and for awhile she prevailed, and then relaxed, and in that unguarded moment Satan planted the seed of complete ruination.

« **77-2** † **EPHESIAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.3**

The very religion of Ephesus types out perfectly this first church age and sets the tenor of the ages to come. In the first place, the magnificent temple of Diana, that was so many years in building, housed in its sacred courts the most lusterless and unobtrusive, image of Diana that one could imagine. She was absolutely unlike any other of her images seated in the other temples dedicated to her. She was simply an almost shapeless female figure that finally sunk into the block of wood from which she was carved. And her two arms were formed of two simple bars of iron. How perfectly this depicts the spirit of antichrist loosed in the first age. There he was loosed in the midst of the people, and yet took no shape as to alarm the people. Yet the two arms of iron bars showed that it was his intent to crush the work of God as he made his inroads. And no one seemed to notice him or what he was doing. But one day they would notice, when with those arms of iron his 'deeds' became 'doctrine', and his doctrine became the law of an empire.

**63-0421 VICTORY.DAY\_ SIERRA.VISTA.AZ SUNDAY\_**

« **134** † Look at Dwight Moody's conversion, and many of those. You see? Just one little old woman, with a... Little old wash woman with a message on her heart, to do something for God, and she rented an old livery stable, and got a minister to come down and preach. And nobody but a little old boy, with their hair hanging down his neck, and his daddy's suspenders on, went down there and knelt down at the altar that night.

Dwight Moody, that sent a half a million souls to Jesus Christ. See? That woman had something to do. She's... It was for a purpose. She was made a wash woman, for a purpose.

**135** Don't despise where God has got you. But, serve your purpose. There's coming a great victory day, one of these days, where the battle is over.

« **136** † Now, notice. Moses, he went down, after got his glasses focused and seen that it was God's program, what he was to do. He went down. He fought hard. He had many great battles. But one of his great, trying battles, I'd like to--to bring it. When, he had achieved, by showing signs and wonders, by different things that God had showed him, to speak the Word and it would become material and happen.

**137** Same thing we have today, speak the Word over the sick, [Brother Branham snaps his finger--Ed.] and watch It heal, and do these other things that God's Word spoke through human lips. "You say to this mountain, 'Be moved,' and don't doubt, but believe what you said will come to pass, you can have what you've said." Jesus said so. Now, we believe that, and hold to it, and take it, and believe it.

**138** And now, Moses had done that. And he got down there, and God had proved to being with him. But after getting him all together, God...

### **53-1018 ELIJAH\_ LOUISVILLE.KY SUNDAY\_**

« **E-13** † It's like a hog under a apple tree. He'll eat apples all day long. They'll beat him on the head and he'll never look up, see which way they're coming. Well, that's just the way we are. We just absolutely will... God will pour His blessings upon us and then we never look up to say, "Thank you, Lord, I'm so glad to be here, thankful that you give me something to eat." We just go ahead just like he owed it to us. We owe to Him. He owes us nothing. We owe all we are to Him.

And now, I was talking to a... some ministers recently and I was speaking on this manner about judgment fixing to strike this nation. They said, "Brother Branham, God could not put punishment on this nation because of the--the sacredness of the nation and the... our forefathers, who were real gallant Christians with... and at Plymouth Rock and so forth. He'd remember that."

I said, "God loved Israel and said so in the Bible; and He never did say that He loved us in that way." When, I said, "But He had... That was His first love was Israel." And yet when Israel got out of the will of God, God poured out the judgments of Heaven upon Israel. And we will not escape the judgments of God. If... David was a man after God's Own heart, and when David sinned before God, God made David reap for what he sowed. And we'll never come short of that. Whether it's a individual, church, community, or a nation, God will require judgment of sin. Amen.

« **E-14** † Now notice, oh, I just love to think of all those examples of what God gave us, to look back over in the Old Testament, to see what God did then; that's just what He is today for He's the same yesterday, today and forever. And if you'll notice, the people had got out of God's will. Ahab had married this little princess, and she'd come over there, and she wasn't a believer. Now, there was a believer married with an unbeliever.

And here is a nation, which is suppose to be a believer, hooking up with all kinds of meanness and diviceties and making it legal: for instance, drinking. Now, I am not this, that or the other. It's not my business to deal with that. But I just want to show you that one thing. We legalize and give men right to sell men whiskey to drink, and beer to drink, then, when they catch him on the street drunk, they lock him up and put him in jail. It's not right. If they'll sell him the whiskey, let him get as drunk as he wants to. He's paid for it. It's his money. So the thing to do...

Not long ago, when we had prohibition in, and saloons was closed, and so forth like that, just as the Bible says, "As the hog goes to its wallow and a dog to its vomit," we couldn't walk the straight, narrow path, we had to turn back. That's right. And we voted in whiskey. We voted in all... When we brought in that, we brought crime.

### « **381-3** † **A.RESUME.OF.THE.AGES - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.10**

Not for one moment do I bring a message to the people that they may follow me, or join my church, or start some fellowship and organization. I have never done that and will not do that now. I have no interest in those things, but I do have an interest in the things of God and people, and if I can accomplish just one thing I will be satisfied. That one thing is to see established a true spiritual relationship between God and men, wherein men become new creations in Christ, filled with His Spirit and live according to His Word. I would invite, plead and warn all to hear His voice at this time, and yield your lives completely to Him, even as I trust in my heart that I have given my all to Him. God bless you, and may His coming rejoice your heart.