

# David & Nathan

Based on 2 Samuel 12:1-25

Because God was displeased with what David had done, He sent his spokesman **Nathan** to tell **David** this story: "There were two men in a certain town. One was rich, and one was poor. The rich man owned **many sheep and cattle**. The poor man owned nothing but a little **lamb**. He raised and took care of it as if it was one of his own children. One day a guest arrived at the home of the rich man. But instead of killing one of his own lambs, he took the poor man's lamb and killed it and served it to his guest."

David was furious. He said, "Any man who would do such a thing deserves to die! He must repay four lambs to the poor man for the one he stole."

Then Nathan said to David, "You are that man! God says, 'I anointed you king...I gave you an entire kingdom. And if that had not been enough, I would have given you much, much more. Why, then, have you disobeyed me and done this horrible thing? You murdered a man and stole his wife. Because you have treated God with contempt, from this time on, violence will always be in your family. What you did secretly will happen to you in the open.'"

Then David confessed to Nathan, "I have sinned against God." Nathan replied, "Yes, but God has forgiven you, and you won't die for this sin. But because of what you have done, your child will die."

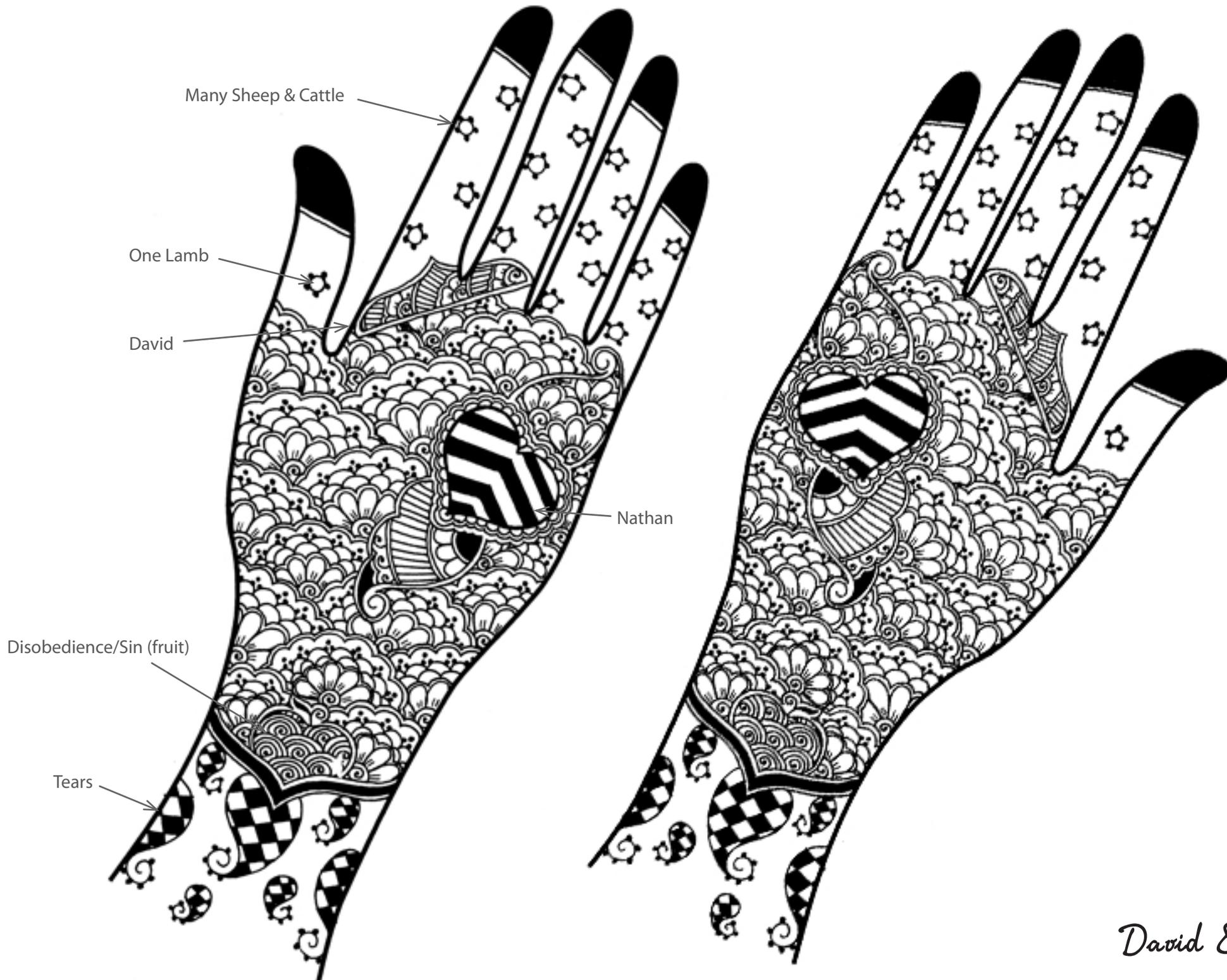
After Nathan returned to his home, God made Bathsheba's baby very sick. David begged God to heal the child but seven days later the baby died.

David comforted Bathsheba and then slept with her. She became pregnant and gave birth to a son, and they named him Solomon...and God loved him.

**Drawing Elements:** Nathan, David, Many Sheep & Cattle, One Lamb, Disobedience/Sin (fruit), Tears

**Drawing Note:** The tears represent David's repentance





Many Sheep & Cattle

One Lamb

David

Nathan

Disobedience/Sin (fruit)

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