

2 Samuel 11

King James Version (KJV)

11 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. (The Hebrew year began at the spring equinox. Winter was over. It was time to settle up with Ammon for their insult to Israel)

²And 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. (David had too much time on his hands. He was a good man, but still, just a man. Power can corrupt anyone. They begin to think that the law doesn't apply to them)

(Why was Bathsheba bathing in an open courtyard, in plain view of David's palace? The female nature is to constantly seek attention from rich and powerful men; especially from King David) James-1:14-15

³And David sent and enquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite? (Uriah was one of David's original 30 mighty men, when he was on the run from Saul. He had been totally loyal to David through hard times. That should have been where David stopped enquiring about her)

⁴And 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.

Leviticus-15:18 (She washed after having intercourse with David. She obeyed the law of cleanliness, but ignored the law of adultery)

⁵And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, I am with child. (The penalty for adultery was stoning to death for both of them) Leviticus-20:10

NOTE: (When Jesus returns at the Second Advent, those who have been seduced by antichrist will be in big trouble – just like David is in this verse. Satan's name is death – spiritual death)

⁶And David sent to Joab, saying, Send me Uriah the Hittite. And Joab sent Uriah to David. (Now David is going to try to hide what he did.

He's getting deeper and deeper into trouble. He's going to go from adultery to murder)

⁷And when Uriah was come unto him, David demanded of him how Joab did, and how the people did, and how the war prospered. (Hey Uriah, how goes the battle?)

⁸And 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. (David sent a feast for Uriah and Bathsheeba – with plenty of wine, no doubt)

⁹But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and went not down to his house. (David wanted Uriah to sleep with Bathsheba to cover up his adultery. That might fool Uriah, but it won't fool God)

NOTE: (Uriah did not go to his house. Instead, he stayed with David's servants. This might have been God, intervening. David is headed down the wrong path. God doesn't bless sinners who don't repent)

¹⁰And 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? (Why didn't you sleep with your wife? David's crooked plan is falling apart)

¹¹And 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. (Uriah would not go home to be comfortable until the army of Israel returned to also be at home)

(David should have stopped at this point. It is obvious that his plan will fail)

¹²And 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. (Instead of stopping his bad plan, David is going to try again)

¹³And 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. (David even got Uriah drunk that night, so he would go home to Bathsheba)

(Possibly, God influenced Uriah to not see his wife. God may have been trying to snap David out of his evil scheming and to face what he did with Bathsheba)

(David is literally dancing with the Devil. He needs to straighten up and do what is right; or it will get a lot worse for him) – My opinion

¹⁴ And it came to pass in the morning, that David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. (This is going to go from bad to worse)

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. (Finally, when his scheme failed, David is setting Uriah up to be killed in the battle. Uriah is carrying his own death sentence)

(This is David committing premeditated murder; the murder of one of his most loyal men. There is no way to justify the murder of an innocent man)

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. (There were enemy archers on the wall. Joab sent Uriah to fight in that area)

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. (David was now guilty of murder to cover his sin of adultery. It's one thing to suffer casualties in battle. It's murder to deliberately send a man to certain death to cover up something else; like adultery)

NOTE: (If David thinks that God didn't notice, he's delusional. He had many great wives at home. Uriah had only the one. We can't say much for Bathsheba; bathing outside, in full view of David's palace. They deserve each other) – my opinion

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, (Under David's orders, Joab had moved Uriah's squad too close to the city where archers could hit them. This wasn't a miscalculation. It was murder, under orders of 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? (If the king asks who gave such a stupid order to move the army too close to 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. (Jerubbesheth = Jerrubbabaa in Judges)

(Thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also – Joab did as David commanded. If the king gets mad, tell him it was done to kill Uriah – per David's orders)

See Judges-9:53 (Hundreds of years earlier, Abimelech was killed by a woman who threw down a stone from the wall)

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. (David not only got Uriah killed. He got Uriah's entire squad killed with him, just to cover his sin with Bathsheba)

(Absolute power corrupts absolutely – and David was no exception)

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. (David is telling Joab – don't let all this bother you. David is trying to put the whole thing behind him and move on. God won't be so ready to move on)

²⁶ And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband. (Mourning time was about 7 days) (She is playing up the part as well as David did)

NOTE: (When Jesus called the Kenite Pharisees hypocrite; that would also apply to David and Bathsheba in this instance. The word hypocrite

means a play actor; one who talks a good talk but doesn't mean any of it)

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. (David moved quickly to move her into his house, in order to make the baby seem legitimate)

Psalms-32 (David has a guilty conscience – rightfully so)