



**Adult Sunday
School at the
sanctuary**

Lesson-11: David
and Bathsheba

Date: 18 Sep 2022
(Sunday)

Time: 9.40am

Venue: Sanctuary



Lesson 11 – David and Bathsheba

- (1) Background: Saul was killed in battle. David became king of Israel shortly. He reigned from 1010BC to 970 BC.
- (2) David remained in his palace in Jerusalem. (2 Sam 11:1)

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IN THE TIME OF DAVID



(3) David's men were out in battle and destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah.

At the roof top.
David saw beautiful
Bathsheba bathing

David slept with
Bathsheba

Bathsheba
conceived

David sent for Uriah,
Bathsheba's
husband

Flow-chart of David's act of adultery and murder

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graph TD; A[When Uriah came, David asked about the war and the soldiers] --> B[Then David told Uriah to go back home to Bathsheba]; B --> C[Uriah did not go back home but instead slept at the entrance to the palace]; C --> D[When asked by David, Uriah said that his comrades were at war and camped in open fields. He could not bear to enjoy the comfort of his home.];
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Comments:


David schemed to bring Uriah back from the battle to sleep with Bathsheba.

Then, the pregnancy of Bathsheba would be thought to be by Uriah, not David.


At David's invitation, Uriah ate and drank with him. David made Uriah drunk.



Again Uriah did not go home even though he was drunk. He slept with David's men.




In the morning, David wrote a letter to instruct General Joab to put Uriah at the front line of the battle so that he would be killed.



Comments:

David failed to make Uriah go home to sleep with Bathsheba.

Uriah refused as he was not able to bring himself to enjoy home comfort and sleep with Bathsheba while his men were sleeping in tents.



Joab did as he was ordered
and Uriah was killed.

Comments:

David ordered that Uriah be put in the hottest spot of the battle so that he be killed.

David's plan was to have Uriah killed so that he could marry Bathsheba.

The pregnancy would then be thought of as legitimate between David and Bathsheba. There would be no suspicion of adultery.

This was a terrible sin of adultery and murder.

(3) View video: David 1997

1:21:00-1:28:00

Viewers are cautioned of inaccuracies in the video.

Source: The Bible Collection: King David (1997)

(a) Observe how David schemed to get Uriah to go home to sleep with his wife.

(b) Upon failing, observe that David wrote an order to General Joab to send Uriah to the front line to be killed.

(4) Spiritual Lessons:

(a) Adultery is not uncommon. It is a serious sin. How do we guard ourselves against it?

(i) Don't flirt. Flirting is a way to suggest interest or make advances and invite receptivity. ...

(ii) Avoid risky situations eg dating one to one when married.

(iii) Never form a coalition against your spouse.

(iv) After God, make your spouse the second top priority.

(v) Don't hesitate to get help.

(b) After committing adultery, there are lies and deception eg David trying to get Uriah to sleep with Bathsheba and pin the pregnancy to Uriah.

(i) Going home late regularly into the wee hours of the morning.

(ii) Lies and excuses for going home late.

(iii) Lies and excuses for not being around with family during weekends.

(c) In David's case, it was not only lies and deception, but also murder. Why did David had to kill Uriah?

(i) Committing adultery is punishable with death (Lev.20:10-12)

(ii) "Thou shalt not commit adultery" (Exodus 20:14)

(d) Adultery usually leads to

(i) Failure to care for the family

(ii) divorce

(iii) custody fights for children

(iv) fights over maintenance and division of matrimonial properties

(v) hatred between families

(e) Negative Ways Kids From Broken Homes Get Affected

- (i) Health Problems
- (ii) Shyness
- (iii) Lack of self confidence
- (iv) Irrational fear and anxiety
- (v) Depression
- (vi) Suicidal thoughts
- (vii) Poor academic development
- (viii) Distrusting adults
- (ix) Stops kids being kids
- (x) Emotional turmoil
- (xi) Poverty
- (xii) Has to make do
- (xiii) Sleeper effect – a psychological phenomenon
- (xiv) Nightmares

Source: <https://www.babygaga.com/15-negative-ways-kids-from-broken-homes-get-affected/>

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