

David-Bathsheba Relationship

Husband Wife Interactions

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What We Will Learn

- Message about seduction
 - David seduces Uriah's wife Bathsheba
 - Murders Uriah in cover-up attempt
 - Incurs severe punishment
- Message about marriage based on love
 - David marries Bathsheba in love
 - Blessed through the marriage
- 2 Samuel 11 and 12:1–25
- Matthew 18:6–7

David-Uriah Interactions

- David seduced Uriah's wife Bathsheba
- Attempted cover-up of the affair
 - Tried to trick Uriah
 - Had Uriah over-exposed and killed at battle
- Took over Uriah's wife thereafter
- 2 Samuel 11:1–26
[2–4, 14–15, and 23–25 read in session]

2 Samuel 11 (NKJV)

2 Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman was very beautiful to behold.

3 So David sent and inquired about the woman. And someone said, “Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?”

2 Samuel 11 (NKJV)

4 Then David sent messengers, and took her; and she came to him, and he lay with her, for she was cleansed from her impurity; and she returned to her house.

- David attracted to Uriah's wife
- Had her brought to his house
- Took her to bed

2 Samuel 11 (NKJV)

14 In the morning it happened that David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah.

15 And he wrote in the letter, saying, “Set Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retreat from him, that he may be struck down and die.”

- Ordered Uriah be over-exposed at battle
- Order was implemented successfully

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2 Samuel 11 (NKJV)

23 And the messenger said to David, “Surely the men prevailed against us and came out to us in the field; then we drove them back as far as the entrance of the gate.

24 The archers shot from the wall at your servants; and some of the king's servants are dead, and your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.”

2 Samuel 11 (NKJV)

25 Then David said to the messenger, “Thus you shall say to Joab: ‘Do not let this thing displease you, for the sword devours one as well as another. Strengthen your attack against the city, and overthrow it.’ So encourage him.”

- David was satisfied
- And believed life could proceed normally
- But his actions displeased God

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David's Sin

- Lured Bathsheba into illicit sexual relationship
- Caused Bathsheba to sin
- Murdered Uriah in cover-up attempt
- Abused his authority
- Violated God's special rule against seduction
- 2 Samuel 12:9
- Matthew 18:6–7

2 Samuel 12 (NKJV)

9 Why have you despised the commandment of the Lord, to do evil in His sight? You have killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword; you have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the people of Ammon.

Matthew 18 (NIV)

6 “If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.

7 Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to stumble! Such things must come, but woe to the person through whom they come!

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David-Bathsheba Interactions

- David married Bathsheba
- Because he loved her
- She was widowed, therefore available
- They had a son and named him Solomon
- God named him Jedidiah
[Beloved of the Lord]
- 2 Samuel 12:24–25

2 Samuel 12 (NKJV)

24 Then David comforted Bathsheba his wife, and went in to her and lay with her. So she bore a son, and he called his name Solomon. Now the Lord loved him,

25 and He sent word by the hand of Nathan the prophet: So he called his name Jedidiah, because of the Lord.

[Literally, *Beloved of the Lord*]

Promises Fulfilled

- Two promises to David fulfilled in Solomon
- Promise to Abraham
 - ...and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you [Genesis 12:3]
- Promise to David
 - ...I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood...[2 Samuel 7:12]
- Solomon was a blessing to David

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What We Learned

- Message about seduction from David's seduction of Bathsheba
- Message about love from David-Bathsheba marriage
- God has special rule against seduction
- God blesses a marriage based on love
- Interactions connected but separate

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