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2 SAMUEL 11:27b



THE RISE AND FALL OF
DAVID

DAVID'S SIN

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1 SAMUEL 8:19-20 ESV

But the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel. And they said, “No! But **there shall be a king over us,** ²⁰ that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and **go out before us and fight our battles.**”

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Bathsheba may or may not have been a willing participant in this. There is no way of telling whether she was flattered by David's attention or felt coerced and unable to refuse the king's command. The writer makes no judgment about Bathsheba's guilt, but there is no doubt at all about David's.

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2 SAMUEL 11:5 ESV

And the woman conceived, and she sent and told David, **“I am pregnant.”**

2 SAMUEL 11:9-11 ESV

But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. ¹⁰ When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "Have you not come from a journey? Why did you not go down to your house?" ¹¹ Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah dwell in booths, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field. Shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink and to lie with my wife? **As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do this thing.**"

2 SAMUEL 11:14-15 ESV

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. ¹⁵ In the letter he wrote, “Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, that he may be struck down, and die.”

2 SAMUEL 11:24-25 ESV

Then the archers shot at your servants from the wall. Some of the king's servants are dead, and your **servant Uriah the Hittite is dead** also.” ²⁵ David said to the messenger, “Thus shall you say to Joab, ‘**Do not let this matter displease you**, for the sword devours now one and now another. Strengthen your attack against the city and overthrow it.’ And encourage him.”

2 SAMUEL 11:26-27 ESV

When the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she lamented over her husband. ²⁷ And when the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and **she became his wife** and bore him a son. **But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.**

2 SAMUEL 5:12-13 ESV

And David knew that the LORD had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for the sake of his people Israel. ¹³ And **David took more concubines and wives** from Jerusalem, after he came from Hebron, and more sons and daughters were born to David.

DEUTERONOMY 17:14-15a, 17 ESV

“When you come to the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you possess it and dwell in it and then say, ‘I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are around me,’ ¹⁵ you may indeed set a king over you whom the LORD your God will choose. . . ¹⁷ **And he shall not acquire many wives for himself,** lest his heart turn away, nor shall he acquire for himself excessive silver and gold.

FROM THE 10 COMMANDMENTS IN EXODUS 20

¹⁷ “. . . you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife. . . .”

¹⁴ “You shall not commit adultery.”

¹³ “You shall not murder.”

David's desire led to sin – which led to more sin – and displeased the LORD.

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2 SAMUEL 11:4 ESV

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JAMES 1:14-15 ESV

But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵ Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21 ESV

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.